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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

HICKORY, N. C., OCTOBER 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 1891.

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Minutes South Fork Baptist Association

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CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

Bruington—J. F. Morris, J. W. Hancil, J. T. Morris.
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Hebron—J. R. Underwood, J. E. Etters, S. L. Gryder.
Hickory Grove—W. W. Rankin.
Hickory—A. L. Ramsour, W. F. Jones, B. F. Whitesides, R. L. White.
Kid's Chapel—W. A. Graham.
Lebanon—
Lincolnton—A. B. Ervin, A. W. Biggerstaff.
Link's Chapel—G. W. Edwards.
Macedonia—S. J. Hawkins.
Maiden—J. H. Deal, D. A. Finger.
McAdenville—W. F. Simmons, S. J. Skidmore.
Mount'n Grove—D. A. Whisnant, Calvin Baker.
Mount Holly—G. M. Shives, A. O. Bass.
Mount Ruhama—D. E. Wilson, A. W. Setzer, J. L. Crouse, J. C. Barker.
Mount Zion—B. Stroup, W. J. Caldwell, A. A. Stroup, C. F. Abernethy, J. A. Kennedy, E. V. Senter.
Newton—G. W. Cochrane, J. B. Marsh.
Olivet—D. P. Bridges, W. A. Kale, A. W. Brown.
Providence 1st—
Providence 2nd—Jonas Brittain, J. J. Hicks, M. Burns.
Penelope—P. K. Morgan, C. M. Murchison.
Salem—D. F. Clanton.
Sandy Plains—W. E. Beatty.
Thesalonica—W. P. Rhoney, D. W. Ramsaur.
Warlick's—A. J. Cook, R. F. Sides, M. C. Hildebrand, L. Warlick.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. F. Morris, C. E. Gower, W. B. McLure,
D. P. Bridges, C. M. Murchison, J. A. Hoyle,
J. B. Marsh. D. K. Bennett, M. P. Matheny.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. S. Bridges, D. A. Whisnant,
B. F. Whitesides, J. H. Deal,
J. R. Underwood, W. A. Graham.

Division of Association into Sections.

First Section or District — Bruington, Mount Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Mt. Zion, Sandy Pl's, McAdensville.

Second—Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Lincolnton, Link's Chapel, Macedonia, Maiden, Mount Ruhama, Newton, Providence 1st, Salem, Catawba, Olivet.

Third — Hickory, Mountain Grove, Providence 2nd, Thesalonica, Warlick's Chapel, Penelope.

Association not to meet in same section two years in succession.

The South Fork Baptist Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 22, 1861.

At 11 o'clock J. A. Hoyle preached the introductory sermon, using as a text Luke 19:13—"Occupy till I come;" Mark 13:34—"To every man his work.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by J. M. Bridges.

Association called to order by W. A. Graham, Moderator.

Letters read by C. M. Murchison and J. F. Morris, reading clerks.

After reading letters, the Association organized by electing W. A. Graham Moderator and J. Thos. McLean Clerk.

The church at Maiden applied for membership.—Referred to a committee.

H. D. Lequeux reported from Catawba River Association.

J. M. Bridges reported from Kings Mountain Association.

J. M. Hilliard reported as representative of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C.

Rev. Mr. Ramsay, Presbyterian pastor at Hickory, reported present and welcomed.

On motion of M. P. Matheny, Article 3 of Rules of Order was amended by striking out Committee on Periodicals.

Committee on Maiden Church reported. — Church received and letter read.

A. G. McManaway spoke of the establishment and merits of North Carolina Baptist, which was followed by a good list of subscribers.

C. M. Murchison reported as representative of the Biblical Recorder.

Committees were appointed as follows: Finance and Statistics, Orphanage, Ministerial Students, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Place and Preacher for next session.

M. P. Matheny offered a resolution, which, after remarks by different brethren, was made special order for 10 o'clock Friday, on motion of J. F. Morris.

On motion of H. D. Lequeux, Rules of Order, Article 3, was amended by inserting "Ministerial Relief Board."

On motion of B. F. Whitesides, Article 3 of Rules of Order was temporarily changed, making the hour of adjournment 12 m. and meeting 2 p. m., instead of 12:30 and 1:30.

The pastor and delegates of Hickory church appointed a committee on divine servince.

On motion, Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m., Friday. Dismissed with prayer by M. P. Matheny.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 23.

Devotional exercises, conducted by J. M. Hilliard, of the Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.

Minutes read and approved.

D. M. Austin reported present from the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association to represent the State Mission Board.

J. C. Caddell reported present from Raleigh as a representative of the Biblical Recorder.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Ministerial Relief.

W. A. Graham was unanimously re-elected Historian.

D. P. Bridges was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of this body.

M. P. Matheny read his resolutions, which were made special order for 10 o'clock today, as follows:

Whereas, The coming year will be the centennial of modern missions, and whereas the Baptists were the pioneers in this great movement; therefore, be it

Resolved, (1) That this body most earnestly requests the pastors and churches to make a strong effort to raise an average of fifty cents per member for the objects to which this body contributes, and in every case as much more as possible.

(2) That pastors are hereby urged to preach a sermon on systematic giving at the first meeting in their churches after the adjournment of this body, and take subscriptions payable monthly, if possible, from every member.

(3) That the Moderator be instructed to appoint a centennial committee of five, of which he shall be one, whose duty it shall be to arrange for mass meetings throughout the Association as often as possible, prepare and publish a programme and arrange for speakers.

(4) That all pastors be requested to report amount of subscriptions to the chairman of this committee as fast as made.

(5) That said committee prepare for a large mass meeting at the next meeting of the Association.

After being thoroughly discussed by the Association they were unanimously adopted.

W. A. Graham was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following were appointed delegates to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention: J. A. Hoyle, J. F. Morris, M. P. Matheny, C. E. Gower, J. B. Marsh, D. P. Bridges, G. W. Cochrane, B. F. Whitesides, D. A. Whisnant, J. Thos. McLean, L. Warlick, G. M. Whitener and J. S. Bridges.

Committee on Baptist Orphanage submitted the following report:

At Thomasville, N. C., there is a farm of three hundred and nine acres, and on it are thirteen brick buildings and four wooden buildings, where from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and forty children are taught, fed and clothed by contributions from the churches and Sunday schools of the Baptist denomination. Now, brethren, these children are the children of our dead brothers and sisters, and the Lord has called upon us to see that these children are properly provided for; and if we would show to the world that we have pure and undefiled religion in our hearts, let us come to the help of the Lord in this noble work. There is a weekly little paper published at the Orphanage—Charity and Children—which is sent for twelve months to any one who gives one dollar or more for the Orphanage.

J. M. HILLIARD,
J. E. ETTERS, } Com.
C. F. ABERNETHY,

Report adopted. A collection of $24.00 was taken for the Orphanage.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by D. M. Austin.

Missions Centennial Committee appointed as follows: M. P. Matheny, J. F. Morris, B. F. Whitesides, J. S. Bridges and W. A. Graham.

The time having arrived for report on State Missions it was read by J. C. Caddell, and was as follows:

The object of this work is to supply the destitute portions of our own State with the gospel, and to aid weak churches in securing and maintaining pastors.

Within the past year, now closing, the Board has had under its direction 118 men—wholly or partially supported by the Board About fifty new churches have been built during the year, and more than 1,000 members have been added to the churches.

Realizing that this is one of our strongest agencies for accomplishing our mission as Baptists, it is earnestly hoped that this Association will go forward in its pledges for this work.

J. A. HOYLE,
W. J. CALDWELL, } Com.
D. A. FINGER,

Remarks by D. M. Austin. Report adopted.

Rev. Mr. Murphy, German Reformed pastor at Hickory, was welcomed to a seat in this body.

On motion of J. S. Bridges a collection will be taken Sunday morning for State Missions.

J. C Caddell spoke on the merits of the Biblical Recorder.

Report on Home Missions submitted, as follows:

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is working among the Indians in the West, in Texas, New Mexico and many of the Southern States, among the foreign population and colored people, and in Cuba. The work has never been in so prosperous a condition as now. The Board must raise the remainder necessary to pay for the Cuban theatre this year, amounting to $35,000. It is also trying to secure a permanent fund of $125 000 for church building and other purposes

The work in Cuba grows in spite of the persecutions which have incarcerated the workers.

The race question is becoming more and more a question of the necessity of the pure gospel to the colored people Only the pure Word of God will ever settle this question. Our brethren of the North have on hand a much graver question than the race problem—the foreign population. Let us learn wisdom by their mistakes and put the money in the hands of our Home Board at Atlanta, Ga., with which to supply the incoming tide of foreigners into our territory with the gospel of our Lord.

The poor red man, having been routed from the land of his fathers, by the white man, still suffers a greater wrong at his hand in the withholding of the "glorious gospel of the blessed God" from him. Will our people never atone for these wrongs by lifting up the standard of the Cross in their land? Let us remember that one dollar sent our Home Board now will be worth to Christ's cause more than fifty dollars twenty years from now.

The committee takes pleasure in commending our Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga.—Price, 25 cents per annum.

On behalf of committee. M. P. Matheny, Chm'n.
D. A. Whisnant,
S. J. Hawkins.

Remarks by M. P. Matheny. Report adopted.

Committee on Divine Service announces that there will be preaching by D. M. Austin tonight.

On motion, Association adjourned to meet at 9:45 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 24.

Devotional exercises, conducted by J. C. Caddell.

W. R. Gwaltney reported present from Wake Forest as representative of Board of Education.

C. B. Justice reported as a visitor from Green River Association.

J. H. Martin and W. H. Davis reported as visitors from Caldwell Association.

On motion it was decided to have next meeting with the church at Catawba, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1892—H. D. Lequeux to preach the introductory sermon; J. B. Marsh, alternate.

Report on Sunday Schools:

At the last Association the Committee on Sunday Schools said: "We find that only fourteen churches out of twenty-five which report Sunday schools." The Association then took steps to "bestir the churches," and ordered the organization of a Sunday School Association in our territory. This has been done, and work along this line has advanced. We learn that there are now fifteen schools, and some of them, at least, are much more efficient. A few of these, we are sorry to learn, have failed to send reports to this Association. We still need more schools, better schools and fuller reports. Your committee urges that these schools be organized and that each school send a full report and a large delegation to the Sunday School Association on Friday before the last Sunday in July. And we further urge that all our schools get their literature through the Baptist supply store in Raleigh, and thus save fifteen per cent. for the general Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted. C. E. GOWER, J. L. CROUSE, W. F. SIMMONS } Com.

Remarks by C. E. Gower. Report adopted.

Motion to amend Article 3 of Rules of Order, by inserting "and Colportage" after "Sunday Schools"—Carried.

Report on Ministerial Relief Board was read, as follows:

The Baptist Ministers' Relief Board was organized three years ago, and is as much a creature of the Convention as any object which has ever been before this body. Your committee urges the churches of this Association to take one collection during the year for this worthy object.

H. D. LEQUEUX,
J. A. HOYLE,
J. F. MORRIS.

Remarks by J. A. Hoyle. Report adopted. For information address J. A. Hoyle, Iron Station, N. C.

Report on Education read, as follows:

While we believe in a call to the ministry, we believe the preacher should avail himself of every means in his power to qualify himself for the great work of preaching the gospel of the grace of God. Your committee takes pleasure in recommending Penelope Academy as a preparatory school, and Wake Forest College for higher education.

H. D. LEQUEUX,
A. W. SETZER,
J. M. BRIDGES.

Remarks by W. R. Gwaltney, J. F. Morris, C. M. Murchison and M. P. Matheny. Adopted.

The chair announced the following Executive Board: J. S. Bridges, J. H. Deal, D. A. Whisnant, J. R. Underwood and B. F. Whitesides.

On motion, W. A. Graham was added to above Board.

C. M. Murchison offered the following resolution:

Inasmuch as there has been no report on periodicals read at this session of the Association, and believing the matter of good literature should constantly be kept before our people, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Association endorse the Biblical Recorder as the organ of the Baptists of the State, and earnestly recommend that as many of our people as can do so subscribe to it, in order that they may inform themselves and become interested in all the departments of our work.

Resolution adopted.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by J. A. Kennedy and C. B. Justice.

M. P. Matheny offered a resoultion on Colportage, as follows:

Resolved, That this Association instruct the Executive Board to look into the advisability and possibility of employing a colporteur in our bounds for a portion or all of the ensuing year. If so employed, to give the churches notice, that they may provide the necessary funds.

Resolution adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions read, as follows:

Our Lord as He was about to leave this world issued to His Church the command to evangelize the world. The great work of the churches, therefore, is to to send missionaries into all the dark places of the earth. Are the churches obeying this order, coming with the emphasis of duty to God and the world? The great motive that will actuate the true Christian is God requires it. The necessities of the world demand we do more zealously engage in this work. It is near 2,000 years since the Church received her marching orders, and yet the whole world lieth in wickedness. Of the 1,400,000,000 of the earth's inhabitants, eight hundred million are supposed to be pagans, while of the rest, including Jews, Greeks, Romanists, Mohamedans, etc., no one can fix the number of believers.

The Lord has not left us without encouragement in this work. The chief encouragement is His "Lo, I am with you alway." No more plainly did the pillar of cloud move before Israel in its march than God is moving before us in this work of missions." What has been our response to "go" or "send?" The Southern Baptist Convention has missions on the foreign field in China, Africa Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. The whole number of missionaries under appointment is 38 males, 31 married females, 17 unmarried females, and 23 ordained natives—a total of 109. The number of members in our mission churches is 2,327; 402 were added last year.

The receipts of the treasury last year were $113,522. Of this amount this Association gave only $79. This year the churches report only $90.

The first century of missions is closing, and in view of

the fact that we this year celebrate the centennial of missions we ask the churches to at least double this amount.

J. B. MARSH,
B. STROUP,
W. W. RANKIN.

Remarks by J. B. Marsh, C. B. Justice, W. R. Gwaltney and M. P. Matheny. Adopted. Collection taken—$12.47.

Rev. Mr. Bonner, pastor of Methodist church at Hickory, was welcomed to a seat in this body.

Report of Finance Committee submitted and adopted.

Report of Executive Committee was read, as follows:

During the year we have employed—

Elder J. A. Hoyle (Maiden)	$20 00
Elder C. M. Murchison (Thesalonica and Starrtown)	30 00
	$50 00

We hope the churches next year will largely increase the contributions to Associational Missions. The field is white with the harvest; the laborers can be had; will you furnish the committee with the funds to employ them?

We specially urge the building of the house of worship at Newton.

J. S. BRIDGES,
D. A. WHISNANT,
J. H. DEAL,
W. A. GRAHAM.

Report adopted.

On motion of J. F. Morris, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and heartily tendered the members of this church (Hickory) and citizens in the community for their generous hospitality.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Students:

The committee for the examination of ministerial students has examined and recommends Brother J. J. Pasour. He is now a beneficiary of the Board of Education and a student of Wake Forest College.

C. M. MURCHISON,
J. A. HOYLE,
J. F. MORRIS.

Committee on Devotional Exercises for Sunday makes the following report:

At Baptist Church,	11 a. m.	.....	Rev. C. B. Justice.
Presbyterian,	"	.....	Rev. W. R. Gwaltney.
Reformed	"	.....	Rev. M. P. Matheny.
Methodist	"	.....	Rev. C. E. Gower.
Baptist, 7:30 o'clock	p. m	.....	Rev. W. R. Gwaltney.
Presbyterian	"	.....	Rev. J. B. Marsh.
Reform	"	.....	Rev. C. Justice.
Methodist	"	.....	Rev. M. P. Matheny.

Ordered that the clerk retain $5 for his services, and have the minutes printed.

Association adjourned to meet with Catawba in 1892.

Report of Finance Committee.

CHURCHES.	Asso. Miss'ns	State Miss'ns	For'gn Miss'ns	Home Miss'ns	Minis. Educa.	Baptist Orph'g	Minute Fund	Aggregate.
Bruington	$4 00	$2 00	$....	$2 00	$2 00	$4 00	$1 00	$15 00
Catawba	5 00	5 00	....	....	....	4 00	20	14 20
Hebron	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 60	1 60
Hickory Grove	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	75	15 75
Hickory	5 00	....	....	....	....	....	95	5 95
Kid's Chapel	....	4 35	92	....	....	....	1 25	6 52
Lebanon	....	...	....	....	...	....	....	.....
Lincolnton	6 00	...	....	....	....	....	1 00	7 00
Link's Chapel	1 50	2 00	1 00	....	....	1 00	20	5 70
Macedonia	....	1 00	3 90	1 00	....	2 65	50	9 05
Maiden	...	....	....	....	....	....	35	35
McAdensville	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	50	10 50
Mountain Grove	3 00	.....	....	....	2 00	2 50	75	8 25
Mount Holly	2 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 55	16 55
Mount Ruhama	....	....	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 37	13 37
Mount Zion	....	....	6 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 75	13 75
Newton	....	....	....	....	....	...	40	40
Olivet	5 00	....	....	....	5 00	....	50	10 50
Providence 1st	1 00	1 00	2 00	....	....	1 25	35	5 60
Providence 2nd	....	....	....	....	....	....	75	75
Penelope	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 50	2 00	35	10 35
Salem	2 00	....	....	....	3 00	1 00	80	6 80
Sandy Plains	5 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	90	26 90
Thesalonica	2 00	1 00	1 00	....	2 00	....	35	6 35
Warlick's	2 00	2 00	....	2 00	2 00	....	1 00	9 00
Starrtown Mission	50	50	60	50	25	25	....	2 60
Collections	....	5 00	12 47	....	....	24 00	1 50	42 97

FINANCIAL TABLE, 1891.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Minute Fund.	Repairs, Building and Debt.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orph'nage.	Sunday School Contributions.	Other Objects.	Aggregate.
1. Bruington	.....	$1 50	$1 00	$32 00	$4 00	$2 00	$6 00	$2 00	$2 00	$4 00	$3 00	$11 50	$69 00
2. Catawba	.....	.....	20	.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	... ...	.....	27 00
3. Hebron	100 00	2 00	1 60	30 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	1 50	8 00	7 00	160 60
4. Hickory Grove	....	.....	75	.....	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	15 75
5. Hickory	275 00	45 06	95	3 50	5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	55 08	52 12	476 71
6. Kid's Chapel	....	.....	1 25	.....	6 44	4 35	7 33	4 39	52 06	5 00	.....	.....	80 82
7. Lebanon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. Lincolnton	120 00	18 00	1 00	320 00	6 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	25 00	8 00	10 63	65 00	608 63
9. Link's Chapel	35 00	.....	20	.....	1 50	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	... ...	40 70
10. Macedonia	100 00	35	50	.....	.....	1 00	3 90	1 00	.....	2 63	3 24	.....	112 64
11. Maiden	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
12. McAdenville	100 00	.....	50	.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	110 00
13. Mountain Grove	100 00	5 00	75	.....	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	.....	25 00	147 25
14. Mount Holly	120 00	45 00	1 55	.....	2 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	30 00	2 00	213 55
15. Mount Ruhama	100 00	.....	1 37	.....	4 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 10	2 00	122 47
16. Mount Zion	114 00	5 00	1 75	65 00	6 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	208 75
17. Newton	40 00	10 00	40	.....	.....	10 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00	85 40
18. Olivet	150 00	5 00	50	.....	5 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	9 00	10 00	211 50
19. Providence 1st	.....	.....	35	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	5 60
20. Providence 2nd	65 00	.....	75	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 50	.....	6 25	51 00
21. Penelope	60 00	.....	35	.....	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 50	2 00	.....	.....	70 35
22. Salem	95 00	19 00	80	.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	20 00	.....	147 80
23. Sandy Plains	100 00	11 50	90	159 24	5 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	.....	5 00	302 64
24. Thessalonica	65 00	.....	35	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	74 35
25. Warlick's	70 00	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	7 25	86 25
Starrtown Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50	60	50	25	25	.....	.....	2 60
Collections	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	5 00	12 47	.....	.....	24 00	.....	.....	42 97
	$1809.00	$47.41	$20.00	579.74	$71.44	$93.85	$100.80	$60.89	$120.81	$92.65	$142.05	$214.12	$3353.38

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	Constituted.	Ord. Ministers.	Incr'se by				Decr'se by				Total Membership.	Sund. Schools					Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
				Baptisms.	Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	Total.		Ofs & Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Vols. In Library	Quar's. & P'apers		
1.	Bruington	1853	1	2	2	1	5	3	1	...	4	69	7	60	67		53	$ 500 00	400
2.	Catawba	1875	1	1	4	...	5	2	1	...	3	46	...	...	...		...	2000 00	400
3.	Hebron	1883		10	5	1	16	6	3	...	9	74	10	150	160		160	400 00	400
4.	Hickory Grove	1873		13	3	2	18	9	...	...	9	80	4	15	19		...	1500 00	400
5.	Hickory	1870	1	15	10	...	25	3	2	...	5	100	13	100	113	100	200	2500 00	300
6.	Kid's Chapel	1872		8	...	2	10	...	'	3	4	125	4	43	47		...	500 00	400
7.	Lebanon	1855		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	...	...		...	150 00	200
8.	Lincolnton	1859	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	43	6	40	...		50	2500 00	300
9.	Link's Chapel	1884		..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	5	45	50		50	200 00	175
10.	Macedonia	1869		5	4	2	11	8	2	1	11	163	7	20	27		30	600 00	300
11.	Maiden	1891		...	27	...	27	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...		...	100 00	.....
12.	McAdenville	1887		18	5	1	24	3	4	2	9	80	...	...	...		...	.....	.....
13.	Mountain Grove	1881		6	2	1	9	2	1	1	4	58	...	...	...		...	800 00	400
14.	Mount Holly	1890		12	32	...	44	16	2	2	20	80	10	169	179		50	1200 00	400
15.	Mount Ruhama	1816		8	2	...	10	27	10	1	38	183	10	77	87		50	400 00	200
16.	Mount Zion	1869	1	12	2	1	15	3	3	2	8	207	7	60	67		30	500 00	400
17.	Newton	1881		1	1	...	2	...	...	1	1	16	...	...	...		...	200 00	.....
18.	Olivet	1833	1	1	9	1	11	4	...	4	8	123	7	40	47		...	600 00	400
19.	Providence 1st	1852		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...		...	200 00	200
20.	Providence 2d	1878		4	5	...	9	4	...	1	5	55	...	...	...		...	100 00	100
21.	Penelope	1888	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	6	47	...	...	...		...	.....	.....
22.	Salem	1854	1	3	...	1	4	5	2	...	7	117	8	54	62		58	600 00	300
23.	Sandy Plains	1863		5	4	2	11	5	11	3	19	153	...	...	...		...	650 00	400
24.	Thesalonica	1856		...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	40	...	...	...		...	600 00	300
25.	Warlick's	.....		7	...	2	9	...	1	...	1	119	...	...	...		...	300 00	200
			8	132	118	17	267	104	45	23	172	2138	98	871	971	100	631	$17100.00	6575

Churches.	County	Pastor	Postoffice	Clerk	Postoffice	Time of Preaching
1. Bruington	Gaston	D P Bridges	Catawba	J F Morris	Stanley Creek	2nd Sunday & Sat. before
2. Catawba	Catawba	J B Marsh	"	M J Cochrane	Catawba	2nd Sunday
3. Hebron	Gaston	J A Hoyle	Iron Station	J L Grice	Mt'n Island	1st Sunday & Sat. before
4. Hickory Grove	"	W B McLure	Machpelah	W W Rankin	Mount Holly	4th Sunday & Sat. before
5. Hickory	Catawba	H D Lequeux	Morganton	J P Jones	Hickory	1st and 3rd Sundays
6. Kid's Chapel	Lincoln	C M Murchison	Penelope	W A Graham	Machpelah	1st Sunday
7. Lebanon	Catawba	W B McLure	Machpelah			2nd Sunday
8. Lincolnton	Lincoln	C E Gower	Lincolnton	J T McLean	Lincolnton	3rd and 4th Sundays
9. Link's Chapel	"	W B McLure	Machpelah	A C Lineberger	Iron Station	1st Sunday
10. Macedonia	"	G M Webb	Shelby	J Mullen	Derr	2nd Sunday & Sat. before
11. Malden	Catawba	J A Hoyle	Iron Station	J B Caldwell	Malden	4th Sunday
12. McAdenville	Gaston	D P Bridges	Shelby	G Wright	McAdenville	1st & 5th Sun., Sat eve bef
13. Mountain Grove	Catawba	J B Marsh	Catawba	D A Whisnant	Hickory	3rd Sunday & Sat. before
14. Mount Holly	Gaston	C E Gower	Lincolnton	J M Holobaugh	Mount Holly	2nd Sunday
15. Mount Ruhama	Catawba	J A Hoyle	Iron Station	L J Caldwell	Drumville	4th Sunday & Sat. before
16. Mount Zion	Lincoln	"	"	D F Abernethy	Stanley Creek	3rd Sunday & Sat. before
17. Newton	Catawba	J B Marsh	Catawba	G W Cochrane	Newton	4th Sunday
18. Olivet	"	"	"	W W Bridges	Monbo	1st Sunday & Sat. before
19. Providence 1st	"	.....	.....	Jas Wilkie	Catawba	
20. Providence 2nd	"	D P Bridges	Catawba	J T Brittain	Chestnut	4th Sunday & Sat. before
21. Penelope	Burke	C E Gower	Lincolnton	P K Morgan	Penelope	1st Sunday
22. Salem	Lincoln	.....	.....	Henry Lethco	Lincolnton	
23. Sandy Plains	Gaston	C F Felmet	Kings Mount'n	L F Groves	Crowders Creek	4th Sunday & Sat. before
24. Thessalonica	Catawba	C M Murchison	Penelope	W P Rhony	Jacobs Fork	2nd Sunday
25. Warlick's	Burke	C E Gower	Lincolnton	L Warlick	Penelope	1st Sunday

Sunday School Supts., Their Churches and Postoffices.—J. F. Morris, Bruington, Stanley Creek, N. C.; B. H. Roberts, Hebron, Mountain Island, N. C.; W. W. Rankin, Hickory Grove, Mt. Holly, N. C.; W. F. Jones, Hickory, Hickory, N. C; S. A. Whitener, Kid's Chapel, Kidsville, N. C.; D. J. Clark, Lebanon, Chronicle, N. C.; S. J. Hawkins, Macedonia, Derr, N. C.; C. H. Harris, Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly, N. C.; Jno. L. Caldwell, Mt. Ruhama, Drumville, N. C.; M. T. Saunders, Olivet, Shawnee, N. C.; W. T. McCoy, Salem, Lincolnton, N. C.; G. W. Edwards, Link's Chapel, Iron Station, N. C.

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2nd. Its objects shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3rd. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty.

4th. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5th. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6th. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7th. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8th. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be: State Missions, Foreign Missions, Finance, Education, Sunday Schools, Colportage, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 a. m.; adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; meet at 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of minutes.

Resolved, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in their members the making, selling or using as a beverage, intoxicating drinks, or holding office of store-keeper or other office in the liquor department of the Internal Revenue Service, and if, after being admonished by the church, they refuse to obey, we believe the church will be justifiable in withdrawing fellowship from such members as not hearing the church, but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

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W. A. Setzer
Carson
N. C.

The South Fork Baptist Association.

MINUTES OF 14TH ANNUAL SESSION

— HELD WITH —

Olivet Church, Catawba Co. N. C.

OCTOBER 20–22, 1892.

Next session of the Association will convene with Bruington Church, Gaston county, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1893.

The South Fork Baptist Association.

Churches Represented.

Bruington—J. F. Morris, J. T. Morris, D. H. Hovis.
Catawba—J. S. Bridges, M. J. Cochrane.
Hebron—J. R. Underwood, J. R. Osment.
Hickory—J. F. Click, A. L. Ramsaur, J. A. Martin, C. E. Woodruff.
Hickory Grove—J. F. Cherry.
Kid's Chapel—W. A. Graham, S. A. Whitner.
Lebanon—W. C. Wentz.
Lincolnton—A. W. Biggerstaff, J. T. McLean.
Link's Chapel—T. F. Thornburg, A. C. Linebarger.
Lowell—J. T. Jenkins, Henry Dillings.
Macedonia—S. J. Hawkins, J. P. Mullen, Johnson Burke, Lenander Perkins, J. B. Ewing.
Maiden—J. H. Deal, A. B. Ervin, Daniel Finger.
McAdenville—L. A. Reynolds.
Mountain Grove—C. G. Sigmon, Jonas Abernethy, D. A. Whisnant.
Mount Holly—C. H. Harris.
Mount Ruhoma—A. W. Setzer, W. H. Drum, J. C. Barker, L. J. Caldwell, D. H. Abernethy, J. A. Huit.
Mount Zion—J. R. Cronister, D. J. Huggins, B. Stroup, E. V. Senter, W. J. Caldwell, S. L. Stroup.
Newton—C. H. Burris, John Danner.
Olivet—Wade Brown, I. A. Litten, M. T. Bynum, A. N. Bridges.
Providence 1st— .....
Providence 2nd—Sam'l Whisnant, A. L. Young.
Penelope—C. M. Murchison. I. M. Hildebrand.
Salem—D. H. Clarnton, G. I. Payseur, J. A. Hoyle.
Sandy Plains—J. F. Grover.
Thesalonica—W. P. Rhoney.
Warlick's Chapel—C. E. Gower.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. F. Morris, C. E. Gower,
M. P. Matheny, D. P. Bridges,
*D. K. Bennett, W. B. McClure,
*J B. Marsh, J. A. Hoyle,
* J. R. Osment, C. M. Murchiton,
* William Abernethy.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. S. Bridges, D. A. Whisnant,
J. F. Click, J. H. Deal,
J. R. Underwood.

Officers of the Association.

W. A. Graham, Moderator, ... Machpelah, N. C.
A. W. Setzer, Clerk, ... Carson, N. C.
Geo. W. Cochrane, Treasurer,.... Newton, N. C.

Division of Association into Sections.

First Section—Bruington, Mount Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Mount Zion, Sandy Plains.

Second — Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Lincolnton, Link's Chapel, Macedonia, Maiden, Mount Ruhama, Newton, Providence 1st, Salem, Catawba, Olivet.

Third—Hickory, Mountain Grove, Providence 2nd, Thessalonica, Warlick's Chapel, Penelope.

Association not to meet in same section two years in succession.

The South Fork Baptist Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURRSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1892.

The introductory sermon was preached by A. W. Setzer from 1 Kings 20:40. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION—Prayer by W. J. Wyatt. The moderator, W. A. Graham, called the Association to order. A. W. Setzer and C. M. Murchison were appointed reading clerks. After reading letters, the Association organized by electing W. A. Graham, moderator; A. W. Setzer, clerk, and George W. Cochrane, treasurer.

The chair announced the following committees: State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Finance, Education, Sunday School, Colportage, Orphanage, Place and Preacher. J. R. J. Annas reported present from the Caldwell Association and W. J. Wyatt from the South Yadkin.

Lowell Baptist Church applied for membership in this Association.—Letter read by M. P. Matheny. Referred to a committee, which made a report as follows: We have examined the application and articles of faith of Lowell church, pronounce it orthodox, and recommend its reception.

C. M. MURCHISON
I. M. HILDEBRAND } Com.
J. A. HOYLE

Report adopted and church received.

McAdenville church asked for a letter of dismission to join the King's Mountain Association. Request granted and clerk ordered to prepare a letter.

Rev. C. M. Murchison offered the following resolution, which was adopted by more than a two-thirds majority of the Association: Resolved, That the Association re-adopt the article in its constitution providing for appointment of a committee on periodicals.

M P. Matheny read report of centennial committee, as follows: To the South Fork Association:—Your committee begs to submit its report as follows: In view of the fact that the Southern Baptist Convention has asked the Baptists of North Carolina for $15,500 as their part of the special centennial fund of $250,000, which they are trying to raise, which is to be used in the erection of chapels and printing of the Scriptures. We recommend that our churches make an earnest effort to raise as our part of this fund $200, and that it be apportioned among the churches as follows: Bruington, $12; Catawba, $12; Hebron, $12; Hickory Grove, $12; Hickory, $20; Maiden, $8; Mountain Grove, $12; Mount Holly, $16; Mount Ruhama, $18; Mount Zion, $20; Newton, $6: Olivet. $15; Providence 1st, $5; Providence 2nd, $8; Penelope, $8; Thesalonica, $5; Warlick's, $15; Salem, $13; Sandy Plains, $15; Lowell, $6; Kid's Chapel, $15; Lincolnton, $15; Macedonia, $20; Lebanon, $5; Link's Chapel, $8. It is understood that this is to be divided equally between home and foreign missions, and is not to interfere with the regular collections for these objects. It is further recommended that the churches and Sunday schools use the chapel cards and certificates adopted by the H. & F. Board of the S. B. C. in raising this fund, and that they endeavor to get a contribution from every member of every family connected with the church and Sunday school Also that these contributions be sent to our treasurer and that we endeavor to get them all in by the 5th Sunday in April, 1893.

On behalf of the committee, M. P. Matheny, Chm.

Made special order for 10 o'clock Saturday.

Committee on devotional exercises reported J. A. Hoyle to preach tonight at 7 o'clock.

On motion Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 Friday. Dismissed with prayer by J. A. Hoyle.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21, 1892.

Devotional exercises conducted by I. M. Hildebrand.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. J. N. Stallings reported present from High Point, in the interest of female education.

J. C. Caddell reported as representative of the Biblical Recorder.

Rev. C. B. Justice reported from the Green River Association in the interest of State missions.

On motion, State Missions was made special order for 2 o'clock.

Rev. E. A. Poe reported from the Catawba River Association. Report of executive committee read, and on motion was tabled till future pleasure of the Association.

J. F. Click read the following resolution: Whereas, Education is the great fundamental basis of any country's hopes of prosperity, and female education being the prime factor in this; and whereas there is an opportunity now within our bounds, in the town of Hickory, for the permanent establishment of the Baptist Female University; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this, the South Fork Association, use all necessary means to encourage and procure the same.

[Signed] J. F. Click, C. M. Murchison, J. A. Martin.

J. A Martin offered an amendment—by appointing a committee of five to confer with the trustees of the Baptist Female University and State Convention. Amendment adopted. The chair appointed the following as a committee to report on above resolution: J. A. Martin, C. Murchison, B. F. Whitesides, G. W. Cochrane.

Report on periodicals read as follows: The Baptists of the State are to be congratulated in that we have such able exponents of Baptist principles as the Biblical Recorder and the North Carolina Baptist. We also recommend Charity and Children, published at the Orphanage and printed by the orphans themselves. Subscribe to it and learn all about the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. We further recommend the Home Field, which gives the news concerning the home mission work, and the Foreign Mission Journal will tell of the foreign field and the success of the missionaries. We recommend literature published by the S. B. C. as helps in our Sunday schools.

J. R. J. Annas
A. C. Linebarger } Com.
J. F. Grover

Remarks by J. C. Caddell, J. A. Martin and others. Report adopted.

C. M. Murchison read the following report on Education: From the organization of the Baptist State Convention of our State, education has been one of the prime ma-

terial agencies of our success. Wake Forest College was given birth when we scarcely had nourishment sufficient to rear the infant Providence led our wise and pious forefathers to plan and execute well. A fundamental desire in their hearts was to prepare a ministry equal to the demands made upon them by the Spirit of Truth. The Lord has blessed their early efforts, seemingly beyond their most sanguine expectations, until today we have a college, the pride of our people and an honor to the Baptist denomination. At the present time there are to be found preachers, prepared for their work at Wake Forest, in every State in the Union and in every county in North Carolina.

We have not discharged our duty to our sisters and daughters. We are proud to represent a generation which is awaking to the discharge of this long-neglected duty. Let us send our girls to High Point, Murfreesboro, Oxford, etc. At the same time prepare for the establishment of the Female University, and leave no effort untried to secure it in our own bounds. We trust our churches will do a righteous part by the beneficiaries of our education board. Brother J. J. Payseur is a son of our Association and deserves well at our hands.

C. M. MURCHISON
C. E. GOWER } Com.
A. B. ERVIN

Remarks by J. N. Stallings, J. C. Caddell, Hoyle and Murchison. Report adopted.

On motion a collection was taken for Brother J. J. Payseur, who is now at Wake Forest, amounting to $5.50.

On motion pledges were taken for ministerial education, $72 being pledged. On motion the treasurer was ordered to pay over these funds to the board of education.

The committee on place and preacher reported as follows: Your committee on place and preacher begs to report as follows:—Place, Bruington church; Preacher, C. M. Murchison; Alternate, M. P. Matheny.

J. T. MORRIS
A. W. BIGGERSTAFF } Com.
SAM'L WHISNANT

Report on State Missions, special order for 2 o'clock, was submitted and the remainder of the session spent in discussing same.

The committee on devotional exercises reported C. M. Murchison to preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 Saturday. Dismissed with prayer by C. B. Justice.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 22, 1892.

Devotional exercises, conducted by C. M. Murchison. Minutes read and approved. Brother John Setzer reported as a visitor from South Yadkin Association.

The chair appointed the following as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Revs. C. M. Murchison, J. A. Hoyle, J. B. Marsh, C. E. Woodruff, I. M. Hildebrand, and Brethren J. S. Bridges, J. F. Click, J. A. Martin, B. F. Whitesides, G. W. Cochrane. The Association requested the moderator to go also. Rev. M. P. Matheny was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Report on foreign missions was read and discussed in connection with the centennial report. Report on foreign missions was read as follows: Your committee, to whom was referred the question of foreign missions, begs to say that the demand for men and means was never so great as now, while the Spirit of the Lord seems to be going before our laborers, opening the way for a glorious work. The effort to raise funds for one hundred new missionaries by our foreign mission board is worthy of our most earnest co-operation. In addition to these one hundred new missionaries, they are trying to raise a special fund of $250,000 as a special thank-offering for God's blessing our work for the last hundred years. What a mighty work hath God wrought since the day when Carey and his colaborers with their thirteen pounds and a few shillings! That was indeed a day of small things. Now the Lord's people are giving more than $10,000,000 each year, and yet this is not a "drop in the bucket" in comparison to what ought to be given by the Lord's people, or the needs of the field require. The efforts of some brethren who have hitherto worked with us in pulling off is doing some injury to the cause of missions. We are persuaded, however, that these discussions will do good. Let us not be satisfied with present attainments, but seek to enlarge our contributions as the work enlarges, remembering all the time that the work and the workers need our prayers as well as our means.

M. P. MATHENY
J. R. OSMENT } Com.
I. M. HILDEBRAND

Remarks by M. P. Matheny, E. A. Poe and others. Report adopted. Report on Colportage was read as follows: Whereas, the distribution of good literature is one of the most effectual means by which we can present our views to those not knowing, we, your committee, recommend that the executive board consult together as to the advisability, and, if they consider it advisable, to procure some capable person to act as Colporteur for this Aassociation.

W. J. WYATT
B. STROUP } Com.
D. H. ABERNETHY

Report adopted. The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. A. Hoyle as follows: Your committee begs to report the following: By referring to the church letters we find eleven Sunday schools reported, with an aggregate of 769 pupils. Our Sunday School Association has done much to increase the interest in this department of our work. The next session will be held with the church at Maiden, on Friday before the last Sunday in July, 1893. We hope every church that has a Sunday school will be represented at the next session.

J. A. HOYLE
A. L. RAMSOUR } Com.
J. P. MULLEN

Report adopted. The report of the Association on Temperance was read by the clerk.

The chair appointed the following as a committee to examine ministerial students: C. M. Murchison, J. A. Hoyle, J. F. Morris.

W. A. Graham, historian, reported that he had not yet finished the History of the Association; that he would have it prepared by next session.

J. B. Marsh read report on orphanage: The Lord in His word has defined pure religion and undefiled to be "To visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction;" "To deal out thy bread to the hungry," and "That thou bring the poor that is cast out to thy house." This has found an expression in the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, where we have three hundred acres of land, on which are seventeen substantial buildings, thirteen of which are of brick.

In this institution from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and fifty needy orphan children are taught, fed and clothed by voluntary contributions from the churches.

If we would show that we have pure and undefiled religion, let us come to the help of these destitute ones and to those who are managing this work, and in doing this we come to the help of the Lord, for this is one department of His work.

J. B. MARSH
J. A. MARTIN } Com.
L. A. PERKINS

Remarks by J. N. Stallings. Report adopted, and collection taken amounting to $13.08. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON—Report on home missions read as follows: Your committee begs to submit the following: Resolved, That our churches take one collection during the year for home mission work.—E. A. POE, A. W. BIGGERSTAFF, Com.

Report adopted. On motion, the report of the executive committee was taken off the table and the following substitute offered: During the year we have made the following appropriations:

Newton and vicinity—M P. Matheny	$200
Maiden—J. A. Hoyle.....	60
Link's Chapel—J. F. Morris.....	25

At Maiden a house has been built, on which there is a small debt. We recommend to the churches to aid the members in paying off this debt. At Link's Chapel there has been an increase of 50 per cent. in the membership. At Newton a church building has been erected of a character fitted to the town in which it is built. Several hundred dollars will be needed to complete the house at Newton and to pay off a debt of some $500, which has already accrued. We earnestly urge the prompt payment of all pledges for this purpose.

Substitute adopted.

Rev. J. A. Hoyle read resolution of thanks as follows: Resolved, That this Association return its thanks to the membership of this church and good people of this community for their kind hospitality during this session of the Association.

Unanimously adopted.

Rev. M. P. Matheny offered resolution as follows; Whereas, Our brother, Rev. J. B. Marsh, has felt called of the Master to remove to Piedmont, S. C., to take charge of the Baptist church in that place, we desire to put on record our appreciation of his long and faithful services with us, and to assure him that we shall follow him

with our prayers for the blessing of God upon him and his faithful companion.

Adopted.

Report of committee on finance was read as follows: Your committee begs to say that it has received in cash from the churches for the various objects, as shown by the within table, $148.58; and in collections, as shown in the minutes, $29.16. Committee—M. J. Cochrane, G. I. Payseur, J. F. Click.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Association by a rising vote, expressed its confidence in the executive committee and recommended the same for appointment the ensuing year,

Clerk ordered to retain $5 for his services, and have the minutes printed.

Committee on devotional exercises reported Dr. J. N. Stallings to preach tonight at 7:30; M. P. Matheny, Sunday at 11, and J. N. Stallings at 1:30.

Adjourned to meet with Bruington church in 1893.

Dismissed with prayer by J. B. Marsh.

Sunday a collection was taken for Associational Missions, which, with previous collection, amounted to $9.98.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

CHURCHES	Theo. Seminary	Minute Fund	Asso. Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Min. Education	Bap. Orphanage	For. Missions	Min. Relief	Total
Bruington	$1 00	$	$	$	$2 00	$4 00	$2 00	$	$1 00	$10 00
Catawba		25								25
Hebron		1 00		1 50	3 00		2 50	2 00		10 00
Hickory		1 25	5 00							6 25
Hickory Grove		90	4 00	3 00	2 28	2 00	2 00	3 00		17 18
Kid's Chapel		1 00				3 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	10 00
Lebanon		10	3 00							3 10
Lincolaton		1 00								1 00
Link's Chapel		45			2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00		7 45
Macedonia		1 80					2 00	1 25		3 25
Mountain Grove		75				3 00	2 55			6 30
Mount Ruhamia		1 16			1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		5 00
Mount Holly		1 40				5 00	5 00			11 40
Mount Zion		1 50	3 00	2 00	75	1 00	1 00			9 25
McAdensville		65						3 65		3 65
Newton		55								55
Olivet		75	2 60	6 00			7 00			3 80
Providence 1st		40	4 05							4 45
Providence 2nd		55			85		90	85		2 60
Penelope		50	1 50					1 00		3 00
Salem		55	1 00	2 00		3 50	1 40			8 45
Sandy Plains		85	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	3 0(		14 85
Thesalonica		40	2 00							2 40
Warlick's Chapel		40	2 00	1 00	1 00		2 00			6 40
Maiden		75					1 00			1 00

STATISTICS, 1892.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Minute Fund	Repairs, Building and Debt	Associational Miss'ns	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Education	Baptist Orphanage	S. S. Contributions	Other Objects	S. B. T. Seminary	Poor	S. S. Expenses	Havannah House
Bruington	$	$12 50	$1 00	$	$10 00	$ 1 00	$ 7 00	$ 2 00	$4 00	$ 2 00	$	$	$1 00	$3 00	$ 4 75	$3 00
Catawba			25		5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00								
Hebron	100 00	2 50			2 00	1 50	2 00	3 00		2 50						
Hickory Grove				7 15	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 28	2 00	2 00		1 00				3 00
Hickory	325 00	35 53	1 25		5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 77	40 88				52 34	
Kid's Chapel			1 00		15 05	1 00	4 00	4 75	3 00	2 00						
Lebanon			10		3 00											
Lincolnton	180 00	23 40	1 00		70 00	1 00	10 00	11 00	6 00	13 00				10 00	11 90	
Link's Chapel		7 05	45		8 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00					2 25	2 00
Macedonia	100 00		1 30		5 00	5 00	1 25			2 00						
Maiden	40 00		75	416 25	5 00	5 00				1 00						
McAdenville	125 00	9 90	65	216 05			7 65			5 00				2 50	57 00	
Mountain Grove	100 00		75		5 00	7 00	5 00	15 00	3 00	2 55		14 50			20 00	
Mount Holly	200 00				40 00	1 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	5 00		92 31				
Mount Ruhama	100 00		1 16		5 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00						
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Providence 2nd			55			85	85					5 00			12 00	4 00
Penelope	60 00		50		1 50	2 50	2 00	1 50	1 50	2 00						
Salem		15 18	65		1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 50	1 40						
Sandy Plains			85		3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00						4 00
Thesalonica	60 00		40		2 00	1 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 00		1 00				
Warlick's Chapel	70 00			1 10	2 40	2 00			1 50	2 00		6 00				
Collections			3 82		9 98											

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	PREACHING
Bruington	J. F. Morris	J T Morris	Stanley Creek	Third Saturday and Sunday
Catawba	J. B. Marsh	M J Cochrane	Catawba	
Hebron	J. A. Hoyle	J L Grice	Mountain Island	First Sunday
Hickory Grove				Fourth Saturday and Sunday
Hickory	Sup. C E Woodr'ff	J F Click	Hickory	First and Second Sundays
Kid's Chapel	M. P. Matheny	W A Graham	Machpelah	First Sunday
Lebanon		W C Wentz	Chronicle	
Lincolnton	"	J T McLean	Lincolnton	Third Sunday
Link's Chapel	J. F. Morris	A C Linebarger	Iron Station	Fourth Sunday
Lowell	M. P. Matheny	T L Earney		
Macedonia	J. A. Hoyle	J P Mullen	Derr	Third Saturday and Sunday
Maiden	"	A B Ervin	Maiden	Fourth Sunday
McAdenville	J. M. Bridges	W F Simmons	McAdenville	Second Saturday and Sunday
Mountain Grove	J. B. Marsh	D A Whisnant	Hickory	Third Saturday and Sunday
Mount Holly	M. P. Matheny	L C Holland		
Mount Ruhama	J. A. Hoyle	L J Caldwell	Drumville	Fourth Saturday and Sunday
Mount Zion	W. J. Wyatt	G W Abernethy	Stanley Creek	
Newton	M. P. Matheny	G W Cochrane	Newton	Fourth Sunday
Olivet	J. B. Marsh	Jacob Brown	Shawnee	First Saturday and Sunday
Providence 1st	W. J. Wyatt	Jos. Wilkie	Catawba	Fourth Saturday and Sunday
Providence 2nd		J T Britain		
Penelope	C. E. Gower	M C Hildebrand	Penelope	First Sunday
Salem	J. F. Morris	J B Abernethy	Hardin	First Saturday and Sunday
Sandy Plains	J. M. Bridges	L F Groves	Begonia	Third Saturday and Sunday
Thesalonica	C. M. Murchison	W P Rhoney	Jacob's Fork	Second Sunday
Warlick's Chapel	C. E. Gower	L Warlick	Penelope	First Sunday

Constitution.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.
2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the church to which they belong: to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sabbath schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.
3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty.
4. Its officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.
5. There shall be an executive committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.
6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association
7 That any member of this Association attending any sister Association be considered a delegate to the same.
8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.
3. The committees of this Association shall be:—Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Associational Missions, Ministerial Students, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.
4. The hours of business shall be:—Meet at 9:30 a. m., adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; meet at 1:30 p. m., adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.
5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.
6. The presiding officer shall enforce in accordance with Mell's Parliamentary Practice.
7. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in their members the making, selling, or using as a beverage intoxicating drinks, or holding office of storekeeper, or other office in the liquor department of the internal revenue service; and if, after being admonished by the church, they refuse to obey, we believe the church will be justifiable in withdrawing fellowship from such members, as not hearing the church, but walking in darkness.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

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C. S. Cashwell,	M. P. Matheny,	E. S. Whisnant,
I. M. Hildebrand,	W. B. McClure,	C. E. Woodruff.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. S. Bridges, Chairman, J. D. Moore, D. A. Whisnant.
W. A. Graham, Secretary, J. P. Mullen,

CHURCHES REPRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. *Belmont* ----- J. P. Stowe, R. C. Bowen, N. F. Renshaw, Jas. Handsell, R. T Mitchal, G. M. Armstrong.
2. *Bruington* ------ J. F. Morris, Jas. Hovis, W. P Upton.
3. *Catawba* ---------- J. S. Bridges.
4. *Dallas* ---------- S. D. Brown, J. R. Lewis.
5. *Gastonia* ---------- W. F. Marshall, J. D. Moore.
6. *Hebron* ---------- J. L. Grice, J. R. Underwood.
7. *Hickory* ------ C. S. Cashwell, J. A. Martin, J. F. Click.
8. *Hickory Grove* ---- E. W. Hand, J. L. Rankin, R. B. Abernethy, R. C. Smith, J. F. Cherry.
9. *Kid's Chapel* ------ C. G. Tucker, W. A Graham, A. L. Ballard, S. A. Whitener.
10. *Lebanon* ---------- E. Litton, L. E. Killian.
11. *Lincolnton* -------- A. W. Biggerstaff, Junius P. Cauble, J. Thos. McLean.
12. *Link's Chapel* -------- W. F. Huggins, J. G. Lineberger.
13. *Lowell* -- A. P. Earney, D. W. Mitchum, J. T. Jenkins.
14. *Macedonia* --J. P. Mullen, P. G. Linch, S. J. Hawkins, Leander Perkins.
15. *Maiden* ------ J. A. Hoyle, A. B. Ervin, J. A. Kennedy.
16. *McAdensville* ---------- F. J. McCauly, Thos. McSwain.
17. *Mountain Grove* -------- Calvin Baker, D. A. Whisnant,
18. *Mount Holly* ------- C. H. Harris, C. L. Bolinger, J. W. Handsell, C. W. Upton, W. W Hartgrove.
19. *Mt. Ruhama* ---------- A. W. Setzer, Jno. L. Caldwell.
20. *Mt Zion* ---------- W F McAllister, G. W. Abernethy, B Stroup, W B McClure, E P Cloninger, C F Abernethy, J R Cronister, E V Senter.
21. *Newton* ---------- C. M. Burris.
22. *Olivet* -------- M T Bynum, J M Bradburn, A N Bridges.
23. *Providence 1st* ---------- Not Represented.
24. *Providence 2nd* ---------- J. J. Hicks, Mox Burns.
25. *Penelope* ---------- C. M Murchison, I M Hildebrand, J S Hildebrand.
26. *Salem* -------- A G Harrell, W F Dellinger, G I Pasour, W B Hooper, D F Clanton.
27. *Sandy Plains* ---------- N A Jenkins, H D Robinson.
28. *Thessalonica* ---------- W P Rhony, D H Ramsour.
29. *Warlick's Chapel* ---------- A J Cook.

PROCEEDINGS.

BRUINGTON, STANLEY CREEK, N. C., Oct. 19, 1893.

The South Fork Baptist Association met this day in its fifteenth session, and at 11 a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by C. M. Murchison. Text Gal. 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free," after which a recess of three fourths of an hour was taken for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by E. F. Jones.

Association called to order by W. A. Graham Moderator of previous Association.

J. A. Hoyle and J. F. Click were appointed reading clerks.

After reading letters the Association organized by electing C. M. Murchison Moderator, and John McLean Clerk.

The church at McAdensville returned letter of dismission granted them at last Association with request to be retained as a member of this body. Request granted.

The churches at Gastonia and Dallas presented letters of dismission from the King's Mountain Association and were received into this Association.

The church at Belmont presented a letter of dismission from the York Association and was received into this body.

Committees were announced by Moderator, whose names will appear with reports, as follows: Finance, Association Missions, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Orphanage, Education, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Obituaries, Ministerial Students, Place and Preacher for next meeting.

The following brethren were recognized by the Moderator: C. Durham, Cor. Sec'y State Convention; C. C. Newton, Missionary to Africa; E. A. Poe, cor. from Catawba River Association; F. R. Howell (col.), representing a school for his race at Stanley Creek; E. F. Jones, pastor at Gastonia; C. S. Cashwell, pastor at Hickory; W. J. Wyatt from Iredell county, pastor in this Association; D. W. Thomasson now living within the bounds of this Association.

F. R. Howell made some remarks setting forth his plans and desires relative to the establishment of an Academy for the colored people to be located at Stanley Creek, N. C. The worthiness of this brother was endorsed by C. Durham, Cor. Sec'y State Convention. The Moderator appointed a Committee to examine location &c., and to report for the consideration of this body.

E. F. Jones was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, J. F. Morris, Alternate.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention were appointed as follows: C. S. Cashwell, J. A. Hoyle, M. P. Matheny, J. D. Moore, D. A. Whisnant, J. A. Martin, C. M. Murchison, E. F. Jones.

Adjourned. Prayer by D. W. Thomasson.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by C. S. Cashwell.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 26, 1893.

Devotional exercises at 9 o'clock, conducted by E. F. Jones.

At 9:30 o'clock the Moderator called association to order for business.

C. Gresham and D. M. Austin from Charlotte, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association were recognized by the Moderator.

Motion that district lines in the Association be abolished special order for this hour.

M. P. Matheny offered a substitute making new lines and dividing association as follows:

1st. Section. Gastonia, Dallas, Sandy Plains, Lowell, McAdensville, Belmont, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington.

2nd. Lincolnton, Salem, Link's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Ruhama.

3rd. Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence 1st. Providence 2nd., Thessalonica, Mountain Grove, Penelope, Warlick's Chapel.

The Association not to meet in one section two years in succession. Adopted.

Report on State Missions.

For more than one hundred and sixty years the Baptists have been engaged in State Missions.

In 1727 the first Baptist church ever organized in North Carolina was constituted in Camden county.

In 1730 there were in this State about 100 Baptists and just 100 years thereafter, in 1830, they had increased to 15,360, and in 1890, according to the United States census, they had increased to

Missionary Baptists in N. C. (white)	153,648
" " " " " (colored)	136,856
Free-Will " " " "	10,224
Anti-Mission " " " "	11,914
Campbellite " " " "	12,437
Baptist Church of Christ "	659
Old Two-Seed Baptists "	183
Total Number	325,921

But these figures were secured in 1890. The Baptists in N. C. are growing at the rate of more than ten thousand members a year, so that we may safely put their number at 350,000. This is a marvelous growth. It has been much greater in the past ten years than in any part of our history, and is a demonstration of our mission spirit and the wisdom of our work.

Through the past year the Executive Committees of Associations and the Board of Missions have had more than one hundred Baptist preachers giving the gospel to more than four hundred destitute places in the State. There has, perhaps, never been a year in our history when this department of our denominational work has been so greatly blessed of the Lord. In this Association, Elders J. F. Morris, J. A. Hoyle, C. M. Murchison and M. P. Matheny have been preaching at some of these Mission places. The small amounts (in all $230.) appropriated by the Executive Committee and Board of Missions to these brethren ought to be paid.

There is much destitution in our State which ought to be supplied with the Baptist preaching as speedily as possible.

At the last session the Baptist State Convention instructed the Board of Missions to push this work as rapidly as the means were furnished till a self-sustaining Baptist church should be established in easy reach of every person in the State.

J. A. HOYLE,
C. DURHAM,
C. G. TUCKER. } Committee.

Adopted.

Report on Colored School at Stanley Creek.

Your committee beg leave to report that we find the lot, location and surroundings of the school which our colored Baptist brethren propose to build up at Stanley Creek are all that could be desired to insure the success of the undertaking.

We, therefore, commend the enterprise to the sympathy and encouragement of all, both white and colored, who feel an interest in the education of the colored people in this portion of North Carolina.

We also recommend Rev. F. R. Howell who is collecting funds for this institution.

C. M. MURCHISON,
J. D. MOORE,
C. C. NEWTON. } Committee.

Report adopted and a collection taken for the benefit of the enterprise amounting to $25.00 which was placed in the hands of J. D. Moore, Treasurer of Association, to be paid over to the school on the order of J. F. Morris.

Report on Periodicals as Amended.

The *Biblical Recorder* and *North Carolina Baptist* are recognized exponents and faithful defenders of Baptist principles.

They are suitable mediums of communication for the denomination.

Your committee recommend them on their merits and that we make an united effort to enlarge their circulation, believing that they will help very much in the development and efficiency of our churches.

D. W. THOMASSON,
I. M. HILDEBRAND. } Committee.
W. B. MCLURE.

Adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The mind, while young, is sown with either good or bad seed. It behooves us as those interested in the welfare of the Master's kingdom to take advantage of the opportunities afforded us and sow the minds of the young of our land with such as will be for their eternal good. This, in a great measure, is done in the Sunday School.

At the last session of the S. S. Association, only about one third of the churches in the Association were represented.

We earnestly urge that there be more manifest interest in the S. S. work as done by the Sunday School Association.

A. W. SETZER,
D. A. WHISNANT, } Committee.
D. H. RAMSOUR.

Adopted.

Report on Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is endeavoring to give the gospel to our own white people in destitute sections within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention; to give the gospel to the Indians; to the colored people of the South; to the foreign population in our territory, and to assist in giving the gospel to the people of Cuba.

More than $240,000 were expended in this work last year; of this amount about $8,000 were given by Baptists in North Carolina. More money is needed for the rigorous prosecution of this work. We recommend that the contributions for Home Missions be increased by the churches of this association. Let us earnestly pray that the Lord may wonderfully bless the efforts of our missionaries in our own Southern country, and also in Cuba.

E. F. JONES,
C. H. HARRIS, } Committee.
B. STROUP.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Place and Preacher.

Next meeting to be at Maiden. Introductory sermon by E. F. Jones, C. S. Cashwell, Alt.

J. F. CLICK, for Committee.

Adjourned till 7:15 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Sermon by E. F. Jones. Subject Charity.

Report on Orphanage.

The Baptists of North Carolina have established a home for the orphans of the State at Thomasville. For the support of the orphans there gathered the directors are dependent upon the free will contributions of the brethren and sisters and friends of the institution. There are now at the orphanage more than 130 motherless and fatherless children, who are in need of food and clothing. Let us give liberally to this worthy object and give now.

Charity and Children is the name of a paper published by the children for the benefit of the institution which we recommend to all.

E. A. POE,
J. R. LEWIS,
A. B. ERVIN. } Committee.

Adopted. Adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 20, 1893.

Devotional exercises by C. C. Newton.

Report on Education.

No department of our work has yielded larger, more satisfying or far reaching results than this. Our efficience and influence, as a denomination, in the State, is the result, largely, of the work done by and influence going out from our college at Wake Forest and other institutions of learning throughout the State.

With profound gratitude we would call attention to the work that has been and is being done through our Board of Education.

We would urge the fostering of high schools and academies as feeders for Wake Forest, and that all our young men be encouraged to avail themselves of the benefits offered by these institutions. Especially would we urge upon our young brethren, if any there are in our bounds, contemplating entering the ministry the importance of using all legitimate means of securing an education while within their reach, that they may the more efficiently do the work God has assigned them. Nor would we be unmindful of the moral and intellectual development of our girls, who are to be the companions and helpmates

of our young men upon whose shoulders will soon fall the responsibilities of church and State.

C. S. CASHWELL, for Committee.

Adopted.

Report on Obituaries.

The committee on obituaries report several deaths among the private members of our churches, and especially the death of Bro. L. T. Wilkie, of Lincolnton church, long a deacon and Treasurer of that church. He was a nephew of Rev. G. J. Wilkie, for many years a pioneer in this country. Bro. Wilkie was Treasurer of his county for many years and had the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. His death was a great loss to the cause in Lincolnton where for many years he has been one of the pillars of the church.

J. S. BRIDGES,
J. R. UNDERWOOD, } Committee.
G. I. PASOUR.

Adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions, beg to say that this question is pressing more and more upon our people as the problem of all problems.

The call for workers and means grows upon us, while God continually demonstrates that He is with us, not only by raising up men and women who are saying "here am I, send me," but by giving us greater success in heathen lands than all the leading denominations together who are spending five times the money we are spending.

But nothing seems to move our people in the South to grasp the great opportunity God is giving them. There are 1,300,000 Baptists in the South who give ordinarily about $110,000, or a fraction over 8 cents per member, while the Baptists of N. C. gave last year 5 cents per member, and the membership of our association gave less than 4 cents per member, while some of the largest churches in our association gave nothing for this world wide cause. Surely there must be something radically wrong in the organization of a church which wholly neglects our Lords command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We have too long depended upon the large gifts of those who give cheerfully while we have neglected to develop the undeveloped churches.

As to methods in our Foreign Misson work we have no suggestions to make, only the Divine injunction "prove all things—hold fast that which is good." These questions we do not believe associations have any right to pass upon or advise on except when asked especially to do so by the churches. It is a question

to be decided by the individual churches and members who contribute the funds.

What we should earnestly strive for is the preaching of the gospel among the thousand million of the world's population who are without the gospel and who are passing into the presence of God at the rate of 33,000,000 every year, while we possess that only which promises any relief beyond the judgment.

We are not to "give of necessity" or measure our gifts by the results of our work, but all obligation comes from Christ's command and ours is a question of loyalty to Christ and His truth.

Let us close this report by urging the churches and pastors to go carefully over the ground of personal obligation and God's call to immediate action in saving the world for Christ, and whatever method you may choose, see to it that your contributions to this noble cause are greatly enlarged, and God's blessings will be upon you.

M. P. MATHENY,
J. F. CLICK,
C. C. NEWTON, } Committee.

Discussed by C. C. Newton and D. W. Herring.

Adopted. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Resolutions on Temperance were given one hour for discussion and a substitute adopted as will be found printed with the rules of order on last page.

Treasurer's Report.

NEWTON, N. C., OCT. 18, 1893.

To the South Fork Association:

Below will be found my report as Treasurer for the year now closing.

Received from M. J. Cochrane, Treasurer, protem,

Cash for Home Missions	$15.88
" " Foreign "	21.75
" " Ministerial Education	31.10
" " Ministers Relief Board	2.00
" " S. B. T. Seminary	1.00
" " Not Specified	2.28
Total	$74.01

All of which was forwarded to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, whose vouchers I hold.

G. W. COCHRANE, Treasurer.

Report of Finance Committee.

STANLEY CREEK, N. C., OCT. 21, 1893.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Cash received from the churches	$268.78
" " in collections during the Association	46.13
Total	$314.91

All of which appears in table of contributions from churches.

J. D. MOORE,
J. F. CLICK,
G. I. PASOUR. } Committee.

Report on Association Missions.

The Association now numbers twenty-seven hundred members. In the providence of God the time seems to have arrived when it can and should do the mission work in its own bounds without application for aid outside.

We ask in order that we may be able to lay out the work for the year that the delegates of each church shall inform us if they will allow all their contributions to be under our direction or what portion of it. We have found the plan of having pastors to supply by afternoon or night appointments the most successful way to undertake the occupation of a point. We have several in view for next year as well as continuance at some already occupied.

Our sister and neighbor, the King's Mountain Association, seems to be doing nothing along the destitute section that lies between us. If we can get it to follow our example on this line we believe, with the blessing of the Master, in a few years the Baptists can establish themselves on this field. We shall endeavor to have its co-operation with us to this end.

Report of Executive Committee.

Appropriations made for missionaries 1892–3 as follows:

M. P. Matheny, Denver, Fleming, and Lowell	$100.00
C. M. Murchison, Thessalonica and Cloninger School House	55.00
J. A. Hoyle, Maiden	12.00
J. F. Morris, Link's and Hardin	18.71
Total	$185.71

All of which has been paid.

It is proper that the association should define more specifically its Western boundary. We recommend the following line: Beginning at Devil Shoals on Catawba River, thence to Burns Crossing on the Western N. C. R. R., thence to the Laurel Road

at P. M. Mull's at crossing of South Fork River, thence with said road to Lincolnton, then with King's Mountain road to South Carolina line.

J. S. BRIDGES,
J. R. UNDERWOOD,
D. A. WHISNANT,
J. F. CLICK,
W. A. GRAHAM,
} Committee.

Adopted.

The Executive Committee appropriations and recommendations for the coming year as follows:

C. S. Cashwell, Newton and Star Town (State Board)	$180.00
C. M. Murchison, Cline Township	120.00
J. A. Hoyle, afternoon appointment from Mt. Ruhama	30.00
M. P. Matheny, Denver	50.00
" " " Marvin	50.00
" " " Bessemer City	50.00
J. F. Morris, Hardin	30.00
Total	$510.00

On motion it was ordered that the collection Sunday be given for association missions.

On motion it was ordered that the clerk have minutes printed and retain five dollars for his services.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the members of this church (Bruington) and the citizens of this community for their generous hospitality.

The Sunday School Association was appointed to meet with the church at Providence, 1st. Friday before the 5th Sunday in April, 1894.

Association adjourned to meet with the church at Maiden in 1894.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22.

At 11 A. M., E. F. Jones preached at Baptist church. Collection for Asso. Missions $6.06.

At 3 P. M., E. A. Poe preached at Baptist church.

At 7 P. M., M. P. Matheny preached at Methodist church.

NOTE.—The name of A. W. SETZER should appear on page 2 in list of ordained ministers. By oversight it was omitted from copy, and notice to insert did not reach the printer in time for insertion in proper place.

STATISTICAL TABLE—1893.

Churches.	Constituted.	ADDITIONS				DIMINUTIONS				Total Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Value Church Prop'y.	Seating Capacity.
		Baptized.	Letter.	Rest'd.	Total.	Letter.	Excl'd.	Died.	Total.		Off's Tchs.	Pupils.	Total.	Vols. Library	Period'ls.		
Belmont	1874	11	1		12	1	1		2	134						$ 500	300
Bruington	1853	14	6	1	21	7		2	9	86	9	45	54		60	600	300
Catawba	1875									36						2000	400
Dallas*	1879									26						1200	400
Gastonia*	1884	3	14		17	3	2	1	6	107	11	85	96		100	2500	500
Hebron	1883	3	6	2	11	21	2	3	26	50						400	400
Hickory	1870	1	10	1	12	9	1	4	14	94	12	100	112	100	180	2500	300
Hickory Grove	1873	3		1	4	2	1	1	4	98	2	20	22			1500	400
Kid's Chapel	1872	6		1	7	9	10	2	21	93	6	52	58			500	400
Lebanon	1855	10	7	3	20		4		4	86						150	200
Lincolnton	1859	14	4		18	1	2	1	4	57	8	50	58		80	2500	300
Link's Chapel	1884	8	5	1	14	4		3	7	65	6	85	91		57	200	175
Lowell	1892	8	17		25		1	1	2	71	7	40	47			1000	350
Macedonia	1869	29	11	1	41	10	4	1	15	186	7	80	87		29	600	300
Maiden	1891	28	33		61	6			6	121	17	105	122		100	700	500
McAdensville	1887	8	12		20	3	3		6	112	16	119	135	125			
Mountain Grove	1881	3		1	4					76						800	400
Mt. Holly	1890	1	23		24	4	1		5	118	8	121	129		60	1200	400
Mt. Ruhama	1816	27	5	11	43	6	3		9	202	8	75	83		40	400	200
Mt. Zion	1869	24	1	1	26	9	2		11	204						500	400
Newton	1881									24						800	
Olivet	1833	11	7		18					120						600	400
Providence 1st	1852									28						200	200
Providence 2nd	1878	13		1	14	2		2	4	55						100	100
Penelope	1888					16	1		17	28							
Salem	1854	22	2		24	12		1	13	126	4	30	34	10		600	300
Sandy Plains	1863	9	1		10	6	1	1	8	100						650	400
Thessalonica	1830					8	2		10	40						600	300
Warlick's Chapel	1815	38	1	3	42	1	1	2	4	161						300	200
Total		294	166	28	488	140	42	25	207	2704	121	1007	1128	235	706	$23600	8525

*Reported to King's Mountain Association.

Baptisms in 1891–2, 112 not reported in Minutes of that year

CONTRIBUTIONS—1893.

Churches.	Past'r's Salary.	Incidntl Expns's	Minute Fund.	Build- ing & Repairs.	Assocn. Mis- sions.	State Mis- sions.	Home Mis- sions.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Gospel Missi'ns	Educa- tion.	Orphan- age.	Mins's. Relief	Sunday School.	Other Objects.	Aggre- gate.
Belmont†	$ 190		1 29		15 00	12 00	9 04	15 00		5 00	5 64			10 00	$ 262 97
Bruington		$ 8.50	76	63.76	6 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	3 25		108 77
Catawba			25		5 00	2 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 80				12 05
Dallas*			1 00												1 00
Gastonia*			1 50												1 50
Hebron‡	100		1 05	5.75	1 00	1 00		2 00		1 00	1 00		9 00	17 80	139 60
Hickory	200	29 90	1 45		5 00	10 00	5 00	10 00		5 00	22 40		86 55		385 30
Hickory Grove					3 45	2 00		2 00		2 00	1 67				11 12
Kid's Chapel	125		1 00		15 00	10 00	6 25	4 05	5 00	5 00	3 00	2 00			176 30
Lebanon			35		2 50	2 00									4 85
Lincolnton	200	25 00	1 00		40 00	10 00	16 45	16 45		5 00	8 00		19 00		340 90
Link's Chapel		8 00	60		2 00	1 00	1 00	1 75		4 00	1 50		1 50		21 35
Lowell	75	10 00	1 15	825.00	15 00	10 00	5 00	7 00		5 00	5 00	2 00			960 15
Macedonia	100	10 00	80		4 00	4 00				2 00	2 00		4 24		127 04
Maiden	50	36 65	1 00		3 00	3 30	2 50			2 50			27 23		126 18
McAdensville	125	17 00	1 00		1 75	2 00	2 00	2 00					50 00		200 75
Mountain Grove	100		75		3 00	3 00		3 00		1 36	2 00				113 11
Mt. Holly	200	24 00	1 60		15 00	10 00	8 50	8 50		5 00	5 00	50		45 00	323 10
Mt. Ruhama	100	12 80	65		3 00	3 00				1 00	2 00				122 45
Mt. Zion			1 30		4 00	2 00	1 00	3 00		2 00	1 00		1 00		15 30
Newton															
Olivet	100		1 40		1 00	3 00	2 00		4 00	2 00	3 00		2 01		118 41
Providence 1st							2 50	2 50							5 00
Providence 2nd	50		75		1 00				2 00		1 50				55 25
Penelope	50	5 00	40		25 00	1 00	50		1 00	1 00	2 00				85 90
Salem		14 14	45		2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		4 00	1 65				28 24
Sandy Plains	75	15 05	60		3 00	3 00		3 00		3 00	1 10			1 00	104 75
Thessalonica	80		25		1 20	1 00	1 00	1 00		70	70				85 85
WarlicksChapel	100	5 00	60		2 25	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				114 85
Collections					6.06						15 07			25 00	46 13
Totals	$2020	$221.04	$22.95	$894.51	$185 21	$100 30	$70.74	$88 25	$17	$63.56	$90.03	$5.50	$203.78	$98.80	$4098.17

†Gave to the poor $6.50. *Reported to King's Mountain Association. ‡Gave to the poor $10.00. Both amounts included in totals.

DIRECTORY—1893.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.		CLERK.	POST OFFICE.		PREACHING
BELMONT	Gaston	M. P. Matheny	Lincolnton	N. C.	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	N. C.	4th Sunday
BRUINGTON	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley Creek	" "	J. T. Morris	Stanley Creek	" "	2nd
CATAWBA	Catawba	A. W. Setzer	Carson	" "	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	" "	3
DALLAS	Gaston	E. F. Jones	Gastonia	" "	C. S. Stowe	Dallas	" "	4
GASTONIA	Gaston	E. F. Jones	Gastonia	" "	W. H. Hoffman	Gastonia	" "	1 & 3
HEBRON	Gaston	W. J. Wyatt	Perth	" "	J. L. Grice	Mtn. Island	" "	1
HICKORY	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	" "	J. F. Click	Hickory	" "	2 & 4
HICKORY GROVE	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Stanley Creek	" "	W. W. Rankin	Mt. Holly	" "	4
KID'S CHAPEL	Lincoln	M. P. Matheny	Lincolnton	" "	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	" "	1
LEBANON	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	" "	W. C. Wentz	Chronicle	" "	3
LINCOLNTON	Lincoln	M. P. Matheny	Lincolnton	" "	J. Thos. McLean	Lincolnton	" "	3
LINK'S CHAPEL	Lincoln	J. F. Morris	Stanley Creek	" "	A. C. Lineberger	Iron Station	" "	4
LOWELL	Gaston	M. P. Matheny	Lincolnton	" "	F. L. Earney	Lowell	" "	2
MACEDONIA	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	" "	Jas Mullen	Derr	" "	3
MAIDEN	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	" "	A. B. Ervin	Maiden	" "	1
MCADENSVILLE	Gaston	J. M. Bridges	Spartanburg	S. C.	J. H. Cato	McAdensville	" "	3
MOUNTAIN GROVE	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	N. C.	D. A. Whisnant	Hickory	" "	3
MT. HOLLY	Gaston	M. P. Matheny	Lincolnton	" "	S. C. Holland	Mt. Holly	" "	2
MT. RUHAMA	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	" "	L. J. Caldwell	Drumsville	" "	4
MT. ZION	Lincoln	W. J. Wyatt	Perth	" "	G. W. Abernethy	Stanley Creek	" "	3
NEWTON	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	" "	G. W. Cochrane	Newton	" "	1
OLIVET	Catawba	C. C. Pool	Partee	" "	Jacob Brown	Shawnee	" "	1
PROVIDENCE 1ST	Catawba	W. J. Wyatt	Perth	" "	Jos. Wilkie	Catawba	" "	4
PROVIDENCE 2ND	Catawba	W. B. Mull	Stroup's Ford	" "	Jos. Brittain	Mull Grove	" "	3
PENELOPE	Burke	C. M. Murchison	Penelope	" "	J. S. Hildebrand	Penelope	" "	4
SALEM	Lincoln	J. F. Morris	Stanley Creek	" "	J. B. Abernethy	Harden	" "	1
SANDY PLAINS	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Latimore	" "	N. A. Jenkins	Begonia	" "	4
THESSALONICA	Catawba	C. M. Murchison	Penelope	" "	W. P. Rhoney	Jacob's Fork	" "	2
WARLICKSCHAPEL	Burke	C. M. Murchison	Penelope	" "	L. Warlick	Penelope	" "	1

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, THEIR CHURCHES AND POST OFFICES:—Bruington, Samuel Smith, Stanley Creek, N. C. Gastonia, W. F. Marshall, Gastonia. Hebron, J. L. Grice, Mtn. Island. Hickory, W. F. Jones, Hickory. Hickory Grove, W. W. Rankin, Mt. Holly. Kidd's Chapel, C. G. Tucker, Kiddsville. Lebanon, L. J. Crouse, Drumsville. Lincolnton, J. L. Wilkie, Lincolnton. Link's Chapel, L. G. Abernethy, Machpelah. Lowell H. Earney, Lowell. Maiden, E. S. Whisnant, Maiden. McAdensville, J. H. Cato, McAdensville. Mt. Holly, C. H. Harris, Mt. Holly. Mt. Ruhama, A. B Caldwell, Drumsville. Salem, W. T. McCoy, Lincolnton. Warlick's Chapel, A. J. Cook, Penelope.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS.

1. Gastonia, Dallas, Sandy Plains, Lowell, McAdensville Belmont, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek.

2. Lincolnton, Salem, Link's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Ruhama, Denver Triangle.

3. Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence 1st. Providence 2nd., Thessalonica, Mountain Grove, Penelope, Warlick's Chapel.

The Association not to meet in one section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

MAIDEN, N. C., Oct. 25, 1894.

The South Fork Baptist Association met this day in its sixteenth annual session, and at 11 A. M. the introductory sermon was preached by E. F. Jones. Text Matt. 28:18,19,20. After which a recess of one hour was taken for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by C. M. Murchison and D. P. Bridges.

Association called to order by Moderator C. M. Murchison.

J. D. Moore and D. P. Bridges were appointed reading clerks.

After reading of letters the Association organized by re-electing the old officers: C. M. Murchison Moderator; J. Thos. McLean, Clerk; J. D. Moore, Treasurer.

On motion of M. P. Matheny article 3 of Rules of Order be changed by adding committee on "Digest of Church Letters."

The Moderator appointed the committees provided for in the "Rules of Order" whose names will appear with their reports.

Long Creek church was received as a member of this body from King's Mt'n. Association.

Triangle, a new church, applied for membership; referred to a committee which made a favorable report and was received into full fellowship with this body.

On motion of E. F. Jones it was ordered that the Association meet in the upper or 3rd section next year. The moderator appointed all the delegates from that section to select the church and Newton was unanimously agreed upon.

On motion of E. F. Jones the Clerk was ordered to have the sections reprinted in the Minutes this year.

The moderator announced that the Committee on Religious exercises be the pastor and delegates of Maiden church.

Adjourned with prayer by J. D. Moore.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 26, 1894.

At 9 o'clock devotional exercises were conducted by J. H Mills.

On motion of M. P. Matheny the Report on Orphanage was made special order for 11:15.

Report on Home Missions.

This department of the work of Southern Baptists is in charge of the Home Mission Board located in Atlanta, Ga.

It is a work of great importance: (1) Whether we consider it in its relation to the 8,000,000 colored people in our midst, most of whom have Baptist predilections but are in great ignorance of the fundamentals of our religion and our doctrine. The agreement recently reached by the representatives of Baptists North and South in which there is to be co-operation in the uplifting of these people is one of the most hopeful signs of the hour.

Or (2) whether we consider it in relation to the foreign population now in our midst and coming in ever increasing numbers. From this source, as from no other, are our institutions endangered, and as self-preservation is the first law of nature one would think that our people would rouse from their lethargy and give them the gospel; but there is a higher call than this—a call from God and the need of these people who have been steeped for centuries in Romanism with all its attendant evils.

Or (3) Whether we look at the question in connection with the "red men" of the west, who are gradually coming under the influence of the gospel. The progress we are making is indeed slow but hopeful. Every one we have slain in the past has cost us a million of dollars—how much more wise and humane to give them the gospel of Jesus Christ "able to make them wise unto Salvation."

Or (4) Whether we go into the far west and take up the call of the teeming millions of the best blood from the older States who are taking Horace Greely's advice when he said, "Go west, young man, go west." They were reared within sound of the church bell, but now no such melody ever salutes their ears. Shall they have churches and pastors? That is a question which you and I must answer.

Or (5) Whether we go down into the island of Cuba and listen to the pathetic call of that modern Apostle, A. J. Diaz, who under God is doing a miraculous work among those priest ridden Cubans and who is calling earnestly for more laborers for the work.

Every phase of this work is full of earnest appeals to us and should enlist our sympathies. In view of its importance and need of funds we want to enter our emphatic protest against our State Mission Board taking out of our contributions for this important work seventeen per cent. for expenses before it is permitted to leave the State. We believe that this work ought to be put on the hearts of the pastors and churches of this State by the Vice-President of the Home Board in our midst and that our State Mission Board should "hands off."

By the Committee,
M. P. MATHENY, A. W. SETZER, M. J. COCHRAN.

Remarks by M. P. Matheny, J. H. Mills, G. E. Gower, J. F. Morris, D. P. Bridges, E. F. Jones, J. D. Moore, C. S. Cashwell, A. W. Setzer.

Adopted.

Report on Orphanage.

Your committee begs to report: We have an Orphange located at Thomasville, N. C., equipped with land, houses, officers and teachers, at which a number of orphan children are fed and clothed and educated by the free-will contributions of the Baptists and their friends of the State.

There are yet those who need to be cared for, and it is a duty enjoined upon us by our blessed Master to care for and sustain these fatherless ones. "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me.

We, therefore, urge the churches composing the South Fork Association to redouble their efforts in sustaining our beloved Orphanage.

Respectfully submmitted,
A. W. SETZER, C. E. BEAVER, J. H. MILLS, Com.

Remarks by J. H. Mills, M. P. Matheny, C. S. Cashwell, J. D. Moore. Adopted and collection taken.

Adjourned for dinner with prayer by D. P. Bridges.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by J. J. Payseur.

Report on Periodicals.

Your Committee would recommend that efforts be made to induce all of our people to read the *Biblical Recorder* and North Carolina *Baptist* for information about our work in general. Also the *Watchman* at Morganton, for information about the Gospel Mission work. We recommend that our Sunday Schools use the Sunday School literature prepared by the Southern Baptist Convention, which is published at Nashville, Tenn.

Your Committee,
D. P. BRIDGES, J. R. LEWIS, I. M. HILDEBRAND.

Remarks by D. P. Bridges, J. C. Caddell, M. P. Matheny, E. F. Jones, J. H. Mills.

On motion the report was laid on table till Saturday afternoon to await the arrival of Bro. Peterson, of the North Carolina *Baptist*.

Report on Education.

Of the purposes for which the South Fork Association was organized, the first named in its Constitution is the education of men called of God to the ministry. This Association is not now represented among the ministerial students at our denominational college, but expects in the near future to have there two or more representatives. Our interest, however, should not on this account be diminished. There are now 72 young men at Wake Forest studying for the ministry; of these 36 are dependent upon our Conventional Board of education, and this Association cannot afford to fail in its full duty toward their support. The importance of this object should commend itself to a large place in the sympathies, in the prayers, and in the active work of this body.

But as Baptists we are interested not only in the education of our ministers but in the Christian education of all our people. We urge the establishment of high schools and academies, such as Penelope Academy, in our Association as feeders for our higher Christian schools and we urge our people to sustain them. In this connection, we would deprecate any interference on the part of the State which would hinder us in the successful promotion of Christian education or which would compel us to become unwilling supporters of a policy which we believe to be at variance with the best educational interests of all the people.

W. F. MARSHALL, C. S. CASHWELL, A. J. COOK, Com.

Remarks by W. F. Marshall, M. P. Matheny, D. P. Bridges, J. J. Payseur.

Adopted.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 27.

Devotional Exercises by J. F. Morris.

On motion E. F. Jones Art. 3 of Constitution is changed by adding "Provided that no church have more than five."

Denver, a new church, applied for membership and on motion of E. F. Jones was received.

Report on Sunday Schools.

On examination of the annual reports of the different churches in this Association we find an increase to 20 Sunday Schools. Last year only 16 churches reported as having active Sunday Schools.

We are grateful to God to see His grand work so rapidly advancing. We, as Christian believers, should lend a helping hand to further on the Sunday School cause. A lively Sunday School is a pleasure of society, a shining light of the Christian world, the life of a church, a nursery of Christianity, and a place wherein

the juvenile intellects are trained for the reception of the Gospel truths.

We earnestly urge that the pastors of this Association insist that their respective churches have a good, lively, active, zealously working Sunday School organization within their bounds. The majority of the Christian conversions are indirectly if not directly from the influence of this grand and noble institution of our Lord.

JNO. L. CALDWELL, S. A. STROUP, E. M. BURRIS, Com.

Adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your committee on Foreign Missions report the following: Foreign Mission work is to give the gospel to the people of heathen and papal countries. Christ said "Go, ye therefore and teach all nations. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned." Do we believe that the heathen without the gospel will be lost?

We act like people who are not in earnest. The small contributions and feeble prayers for the heathen and the missionaries are more like children's play than men and women in earnest to save souls. Churches of from one to two hundred members report $5 or less for Foreign Missions and some report nothing. Such churches are not in earnest. Can we be saved if we do not give the gospel to the heathen? Can churches be saved from spiritual death and extinction who do not give to this God-given object?

We spend thousands on church houses and thousands for our comforts, pleasures, and sports, and give pennies or nothing for Christ and the heathen. Men and women have gone and others are saying "Send me," and we dream over our own pleasure and ease and do nothing compared to what God has enabled us to do. So long as the Master's command is with us let no church send a blank report to the Association.

Let the pastors rouse, and not be afraid to ask their people to give to Foreign Missions for fear their salaries will not be paid.

Brethren, can we say that we are in earnest in view of what we have done? Let us go down on our knees and ask God to forgive us and by His help and blessing do better the coming year. This whining about hard times is in many instances a wail of selfishness.

Let the churches send their contributions direct to the missionary of their choice or, if they prefer, send their contributions through the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Let us pray God to raise up missionaries from among us of our own churches. Let us offer our children to God for this work.

E. F. JONES, J. F. CLICK, D. P. BRIDGES, Com.

Remarks by E. F. Jones, M. P. Matheny. Adopted.

Report on State Missions.

The time was in the history of our State that a Baptist could not preach the gospel in her borders without danger of being assailed and arrested by the officers of the law. But the Lord has wrought a marvelous change in this respect. Our State now has Baptist preaching and Baptist churches in the greater part of her territory and other parts are calling for the pure gospel. It is the work of our State Mission Board to give the gospel to every community of our State and establish churches there.

Our Board has had ninety-two missionaries at this work this year. Some of these work in our own bounds and these brethren must be paid the small amounts promised them. We of the South Fork Association ought to do liberal things for this Board. Let every Baptist who loves his State, and whose heart throbs with love for the cause of the Master, arise and do something in this work of giving the gospel of Christ to the people of our State. We ought not to be content to stop this work until Baptist preaching is in reach of every man, woman, and child of the State.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

J. C. WHITASIDES, J. S. BRIDGES, D. A. WHISNANT, Com.

Remarks by J. C. Caddell, E. F. Jones. Adopted.

Resolutions were adopted as follows: *Whereas*, We believe that the establishment and maintenance of schools are among the most important means of denominational prosperity, and,

Whereas Rutherford College has been offered to the Baptists upon reasonable terms, therefore be it

Resolved, that a committee of 12 be appointed to invite the Catawba River and Caldwell Associations through their executive committees to co-operate with this committee to consider the advisability of securing said property and also, should it be deemed necessary, to purchase same, *provided* that this Association shall in no way be responsible for any debt contracted by said committee.

The following committee was appointed as provided in the above resolutions: C. S. Cashwell, J. S. Bridges. W. G. Graham, J. D. Moore, M. P. Matheny, J. F. Morris, A. J. Cook, J. C. Whitesides, J. A. Martin, C. M. Murchison, T. M. Huffham, J. R. Lewis.

Adjourned with prayer by A. W. Setzer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by M. P. Matheny.

Report of Executive Committee.

At the Association at Bruington in 1893 we made appropriations as follows:
Bro. C. M. Murchison in Kline township, Catawba county, ... $120.00
Bro. M. P. Matheny at Triangle, Marvin and Denver in Lincoln county, and Bessemer City in Gaston county, ... 125.00
Bro. J. F. Morris at Kettle Shoal, ... 30.00
These brethren report churches organized at Triangle and Denver and preparations made for organization in Kline's and good prospects at the other points.
We have received from the churches this year $185.46, and we have paid to the missionaries their pro rata of this amount, which leaves us due the missionaries $89.54.

J. S. BRIDGES., J. D. MOORE, for Com.

After remarks by C. S. Cashwell, J. D. Moore, J. S. Bridges, C. M. Murchison, J. F. Morris, a subscription and collection amounting to $80.00 was taken and the report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Students.

Committee on Ministerial Students recommend that this Association pay eight dollars per month for the support of Bro. C. E. Beaver at Penelope Academy so far as the contributions from the churches will go. And that we recommend Bro. Beaver to the confidence and sympathy of the churches and individual members of this Association.

J. F. MORRIS, J. D. MOORE, M. P. MATHENY, Com.

Report on Obituaries.

Your committee on Obituaries submit the following: Since the last meeting of this body, it has pleased God to take from our number Brother John Chronister, for many years a member and deacon of Mt. Zion church. Brother Chronister was a man of unimpeachable character. As a Christian he enjoyed the confidence not only of his own church, but of every one who knew him. As a husband, father officer of the church, and citizen, he was a model man, and his example is worthy of imitation by all. We extend our heart felt sympathy to the bereaved wife and children. He rests from his labors but his works do follow him.

Also G. C. Rhyne, of Hickory Grove, is gone to experience the realities of a world unknown to us. As we are called thus to chronicle the departure of those who are gone, let us hear the words of our Savior saying, "Therefore, be ye also ready."

J. S. BRIDGES. W. F. MOSLEY, E. S. WHISENANT, Com.

Adopted.

Report of Finance Committee

Cash received from the churches.....272.27
Cash received in collections during Association.....35.12

TOTAL.....307.39
All of which appears in tables of contribution from churches.

W. H. HOFFMAN, M. J. COCHRAN, G. I. PAYSEUR, Com.

Adopted.

C. S. Cashwell was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Committee on Preacher reports

E. F. Jones with D. P. Bridges alternate for Introductory Sermon next meeting of Association.

J. C. WHITESIDES, J. W. HANSEL, M. BURNS, Com.

On motion the Treasurer is authorized to demand a return of the money paid over for the Stanley Creek colored school as the school is abandoned within the bounds of this Association.

And it was further ordered that when the above money is collected it be applied to the Colportage fund.

Report on Periodicals taken up and discussed by B. S. Peterson, of the North Carolina *Baptist*, and adopted.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention were appointed as follows:

A. W. Setzer, J. Thos. McLean, C. E. Beaver, D. P: Bridges, W. F. Mosely, J. F. Morris, J. R. Lewis, D. A. Whisnant, J. J. Payseur, J. S. Bridges, M. P. Matheny, E. F. Jones, C. S. Cashwell, J. A. Hoyle, S. A. Stroup, Dr. B. F. Whitesides.

A. W. Setzer offered resolutions as follow$:

Resolved that the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of this town and community for their generous hospitality in entertaining this Association.

Adopted.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee Oct. 27th, 1894 the following business was transacted:

On motion J. S. Bridges was elected Chairman, J. D. Moore Clerk.
The following missionaries were appointed to preach at the following salaries:

C. M. Murchison at Cloninger School House one Sunday in each month	$75.00
J. F. Morris, Kettle Shoals	30.00
D. P. Bridges, Deal School House Cline, Township, one Sunday each month	75.00
M. P. Matheny, Denver	30.00
M. P. Matheny, Triangle	30.00
	$240.00

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have minutes printe and retain $5 for his services.

On motion it was ordered that the collection Sunday be ap plied to the Association Mission debt.

Adjourned with prayer by J. D. Moore. Benediction b M. P. Matheny.

Churches Represented as Follows:

1. *Belmont*——G. M. Armstrong, A. F. Hand, Ural Mitchell.
2. *Bruington*—J. F. Morris, A. Hovis, T J Wallace, J T Morris.
3. *Catawba*——J. S. Bridges, M. J. Cochran.
4. *Dallas*——J. R. Lewis, C. M. Hoffman.
5. *Denver*——W. S. Kids, John T. Cochran.
6. *Gastonia*—L. F. Jones, Jonas Jenkins W F Marshall, E. M. Smith, M. P. Matheny, J. D. Moore.
7. *Hebron*——W. F. Mosely.
8. *Hickory*——C. S. Cashwell, John Pierce, J. F. Click.
9. *Hickory Grove*——By Letter.
10. *Kid's Chapel*——S. A. Whitener, C G Tucker.
11. *Lebanon*——Not Represented.
12. *Lincolnton*—John Blackburn, Pink Campbell, J Thos McLean.
13. *Link's Chapel*——W. F. Huggins.
14. *Long Creek*——John M. Hoffman, D. A. Jenkins.
15. *Lowell*——A. P. Earney, John Bell.
16. *Macedonia*—I H Laney, J Burke, J P Mullen, Leander Perkins.
17. *Maiden*——J. A. Hoyle, E. S. Whisnant, J A. Kennedy, D. A. Finger, L. S. Caldwell.
18. *McAdensville*——Joseph Fox.
19. *Mt. Grove*—Daniel Hoffman, D A Whisnant, Calvin Baker.
20. *Mt. Holly*——C. W. Upton, J. W. Hansel, C. E. Beaver.
21. *Mt. Ruhama*——A. W. Setzer, J. C. Barker, Jno. L Caldwell.
22. *Mt. Zion*—G. W. Abernathy, E. V. Senter, E. P. Cloninger, I. S. Hovis, Steward Murphy, W. A. Caldwell.
23. *Newton*——J. C. Whitesides, C. M. Burns, A. M. Hand.
24. *Olivet*——J. Brown, J. W. Stewart.
25. *Providence 1st.*——Carlton Hewit.
26. " *2nd.*——M. Burns.
27. *Penelope*——C. M. Murchison, I. M. Hillebrand.
28. *Salem*—G I Payseur, D F Clanton, N F Hovis, Wm Delinger.
29. *Sandy Plains*——N. A. Jenkins, J. H. Hoffman.
30. *Thessalonica*——W. P. Rhoney, Jacob Norwood.
31. *Triangle*——J. L. Hager, Jno. Stillwell.
32. *Warlick's Chapel*—A. J. Cook, J. B. Glass, R. B. Abernathy.

Sunday School Sup'ts, their Churches and Post Offices.

Belmont, W. W.McLean, Belmont, N. C.—Bruington, J. T. Morris, Stanley, N. C.—Gastonia, W. M. Jones, Gastonia N. C.—Hebron, B. H. Roberts, Mt'n Island, N. C.—Hickory, B. F. Campbell, Hickory, N. C.—Hickory Grove, W. W. Rankin, Mt. Holly N. C.—Lincolnton, J. L. Wilkie, Lincolnton, N. C.—Link's Chapel, L. A. Abernathy, Machpe-th, N. C.—Long Creek, S. D. Brown, Dallas, N. C.—Lowell, H. W. Earney, Lowell, N. C.—Maiden, E. S. Whisnant, Maiden, N. C.—McAdensville, J. H. Cato, McAdensville, N. C.—Mt. Holly, C. H. Harris, Mt. Holly, N. C.—Mt. Ruhama, Geo. W. Caldwell, Bandy, N. C.—Mt. Zion, C. F. Abernathy, Alexis, N. C.—Olivet, J. H. Busage, Shawnee, N. C.—Sa-lem, W. T. McCoy, Lincolnton, N. C.—Warlick's, A. J. Cooke, Penelope, N. C.—Kid's Chapel, C. G. Tucker, Kidsville, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE—1894.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	ADDITIONS. Baptized	Letter	Restored	Total.	DIMINUTIONS. Letter.	Excluded	Died.	Total.	Total Membership.	SUN. SCHOOL. Off'rs & Tchs.	Pupils.	Total.	Value Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
BELMONT	1874	13	2		15	6	1	1	8	144	8	50	58	$ 500	300
BRUINGTON	1853	8	13		21	6	1	1	8	100	9	45	54	600	500
CATAWBA	1875		1		1	1		1	2	34				2000	400
DALLAS	1879	3	3		6					30				1200	400
DENVER	1894		11		11					11					
GASTONIA	1884	8	48	1	57	13	1	1	15	152	11	100	111	2500	500
HEBRON	1883	3	8		11	9		1	10	62	8	40	58	400	400
HICKORY	1870	15	15	2	32	9	1	3	13	112	14	134	148	2500	300
HICKORY GROVE	1873	5	1	1	7			1	1	105	2	20	22	1500	400
KID'S CHAPEL	1872	2		1	3	18	22	2	42	54	6	52	58	500	400
LEBANON	1855							1	1	73	3	35	38	150	200
LINCOLNTON	1859	3	3		6	6	1	1	8	57	8	40	48	2500	300
LINK'S CHAPEL	1884	1	1	1	3	1	1		2	56	6	85	91	200	175
LONG CREEK		11		1	12	10	3	4	17	170	3	24	27		
LOWELL	1892	3	8		11					79	7	40	47	1000	350
MACEDONIA	1869	9	2	1	12	4	3	1	8	196	7	80	87	600	300
MAIDEN	1891	2	7		9	1				118	17	105	122	700	500
MCADENSVILLE	1887		9		9	18	2		3	103	16	119	135		
MTN GROVE	1881	3	3		6	2			18	80				800	400
MT. HOLLY	1890	2	12		14	13		1	2	108	8	121	129	1200	400
MT. RUHAMA	1816	10	3		13	2		1	14	208	8	75	83	400	200
MT. ZION	1869		6		6	1			3	171	4	34	38	500	400
NEWTON	1881	2	3		5				1	31				1200	300
OLIVET	1833	7	4	1	12	7	5	2	14	122	4	30	34	600	400
PROVIDENCE 1st	1852	1			1			2	2	25				200	200
PROVIDENCE 2nd	1878	8	1	1	10	1	1	2	3	60				100	100
PENELOPE	1888		2		2	8			8	26				350	300
SALEM	1854	8	5	3	16	10			10	134	4	30	34	600	400
SANDY PLAINS	1833	14	1	2	17	5	6	1	12	105				650	400
THESSALONICA	1830					1			1	39				600	300
TRIANGLE	1894	11	13		24	7	7	1	15	24					
WARLICK'S	181-	11	4		15					158	3	30	33	1500	500
TOTAL		180	172	15	367	154	55	31	240	2945	156	1249	1455	$2550	9125

Notes.

The Sunday Schools Statistics were so imperfectly reported that most of the figures in this table are from last year reports

*The Mission contributions of Long Creek, on next page, reported to King's Mtn. Association.

J. THOS. MCLEAN, *Clerk.*

The name of J. F. Morris, on Executive Board, page 2, should be J. T. Morris.—PRINTER.

DIRECTORY—1894.

CHURCHES	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	PR'CHING
BELMONT	Gaston	M. P. Matheny	Gastonia N. C.	W. W. McLean	Belmont N. C.	4th San.
BRUINGTON	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley " "	J. T. Morrs	Stanley " "	2
CATAWBA	Catawba	D. P. Bridges	Catawba " "	M. J. Cochran	Catawba " "	3
DALLAS	Gaston	E. F. Jones	Gastonia " "	C. S. Stowe	Dallas " "	4
DENVER	Lincoln	M. P. Matheny	Gastonia " "			1
GASTONIA	Gaston	E. F. Jones	Gastonia " "	W. H. Hoffman	Gastonia " "	1 & 3
HEBRON	Gaston	W. J. Wyatt	Doolie " "	J. L. Grice	M n Island " "	1
HICKORY	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory " "	J. F. Click	Hickory " "	2 & 4
HICKORY GROVE	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis " "	W. W. Rankin	Mt. Holly " "	4
KID'S CHAPEL	Lincoln	M. P. Matheny	Gastonia " "	W. A. Graham	Machpelah " "	1
LEBANON	Catawba			W. C. Wentz	Chronicle " "	3
LINCOLNTON	Lincoln	D. M. Austin	Charlotte " "	J. T. McLean	Lincolnton " "	3
LINK'S CHAPEL	Lincoln	J. F. Morris	Stanley " "	A. C. Lineberger	Iron Station " "	4
LONG CREEK	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden " "	H. L. Jenkins	Dallas " "	3
LOWELL	Gaston			J. B Hester	Lowell " "	2
MACEDONIA	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden " "	J. Mullen	Derr " "	1
MAIDEN	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden " "	L. S. Caldwell	Maiden " "	1
MCADENSVILLE	Gaston	M. P. Matheny	Gastonia " "	J. H. Cato	McAdensville " "	3
MTN. GROVE	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory " "	J. F. Abernathy	Hickory " "	3
MT. HOLLY	Gaston	M. P. Matheny	Gastonia " "	S. L. Bolinger	Mt. Holly " "	3
MT. RUHAMA	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden " "	L. J. Caldwell	Drumsville " "	4
MT. ZION	Lincoln	W. J. Wyatt	Perth " "	G W. Abernathy	Alexis " "	3
NEWTON	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory " "	G. W. Cochran	Newton " "	1
OLIVET	Catawba	C. C. Pool	Partee " "	J. Brown	Shawnee " "	4
PROVIDENCE 1st	Catawba			Jas. Wilkie	Catawba " "	4
PROVIDENCE 2nd	Catawba			J. T. Brittian	Hayseed " "	3
PENELOPE	Burke	C. M. Murchison	Penelope " "	John Hillebrand	Penelope " "	4
SALEM	Lincoln	J. F. Morris	Stanley " "	J. B. Abernathy	Hardin " "	1
SANDY PLAINS	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Lattimore " "	N. A. Jenkins	Begonia " "	3
THESSALONICA	Catawba	A. W. Setzer	Carson " "	W. P. Rhoney	Jacob's Fork " "	2
TRIANGLE	Lincoln	M. P. Matheny	Gastonia " "			1
WARLICK'S	Burke	C. M. Murchison	Penelope " "			

Churches	Pastor's Salary.	Incidntl Expns's	Minute Fund.	Building & Repairs.	Assocn. Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign: Board	Foreign: Gospel	Education	Orphanage	Ministers Relief	Colportage	Other Objects	Aggregate
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Belmont	190	5 00	1 00		16.00				15 00	5 00	7.00	2 00	5 00	9.00	255 00
Bruington		5 00	1 05		12 00	1.00	5 00		6 00	3 00	4 00	1 00		40 00	78 05
Catawba			35		5 00	4 50	5 00		2 55		1 15				18 55
Dallas	120		1 00		2 72	1 25			3 50		7 00		2 68		138 15
Denver					25 00	5 00	1 40	25	27 16	1 66	61 36	7 92	13 50	120 00	814 60
Gastonia	400		1 35	150 00	5 00	2 00	1 50	1 50		10 00				6 00	139 32
Hebron			1 00	112.32	5 00	13 00	9 85	12 10		10 00	27 00			114 56	522 78
Hickory	300	30 02	1 25						4 57						4 57
Hickory Grove					17 24		4 00		17 49	5 00	2 00	2 00	4 52	5 00	236 25
Kid's Chapel	125	53 00	1 00									2 00			4 85
Lebanon		4 85			13 25		3 00		6 00	2 00	20 00			78 00	253 05
Lincolnton	106	21 80	1 00		2 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	1 00	3 00				17 35
Link's Chapel		5 00	35											2 00	83 30
Long Creek*	80		1 30								1 40				102 51
Lowell	87	55	70		1 83	3 23	2 90	4 90						13 00	118 10
Macedonia	100		55			1 00	1 55	1 00			1 00				94 55
Maiden	75		55	15 00		1 00	1 00	1 00			1 00				174 00
McAdensville	125	15 00	1 00		12 00				12 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		3 00	123 07
Mtn. Grove	100		1 00		4 07	5 00	3 00	4 00			6 00				204 65
Mt. Holly	125	8 50	1 10		12 50				15 00	4 00	14 00	1 55	3 00	20 00	116 00
Mt. Ruhama	100	8 00	45			2 00	50	1 50			55			3 00	9 35
Mt. Zion			1 25		2 00		2 00	3 00			1 10				349 00
Newton	60	5 00	75	276 00	1 00	1 00	1 25	1 00			1 00	1 00			12 12
Olivet		75	51		1 00				4 86		5 00				44 50
Providence 1st	36	5 00			1 00	1 00	50	1 00							51 50
Providence 2nd	50							1 50							388 25
Penelope	50		25	300 00	30 00		1 00		2 00	1 00	4 00				28 90
Salem		7 00	70		7 20	2 00	3 00		4 00	2 00	2 00	1 00			110 35
Sandy Plains	80	15 50	1 35			3 00	3 00	3 65		1 00	2 85				61 15
Thessalonica	55		60		40	50	1 00	1 75			1 00		50		30
Triangle			30							40					681 38
Warlick's	100		38	550 00	15 00		1 00		2 00		8 00			5 00	35 12
Collections					7 90						27 22				
Totals	$2464	$189.97	$22 09	$1403 32	$199.11	$48.48	$53.45	$38 15	$124.13	$50 16	$209 53	$20 97	$28 70	$418 56	$5270.62

129,13

162,28

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2nd. Its objects shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds, to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3rd. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches; each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4th. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5th. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6th. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7th. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8th. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be: Digest of Church Letters, Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, and such Special Committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 a. m.; adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; meet at 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors in any conceivable way; and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

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E. F. JONES, ---------- Gastonia, N. C.
W. B. McCLURE, ---------- Alexis, N. C.
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C. M. MURCHISON, ---------- Penelope, N. C.
A. W. SETZER, ---------- Carson, N. C.
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C. E. GOWER, ---------- Lincolnton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

MAJOR W. A. GRAHAM, FOREST FLOYD,
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DR. B. F. FALLS.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS.

1. Gastonia, Dallas, Sandy Plains, Lowell, McAdenville, Belmont, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek.

2. Lincolnton, Salem, Link's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Ruhama, Bethel, Denver, Triangle.

3. Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence 1st., Providence 2nd., Thessalonica, Mt. Grove, Penelope, Warlick's Chapel.

The Association not to meet in one section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

NEWTON, N. C., Oct. 24, 1895.

The South Fork Association met in the Baptist church. The Moderator and Clerk being absent, the meeting was called to order by Rev. C. S. Cashwell. On motion, Bro. J. F. Morris was elected Moderator *pro tempore*, and J. F. Click was elected Clerk *pro tempore*.

Brethren D. P. Bridges and J. A. Hoyle were appointed reading clerks. The roll of churches was called and letters read. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Belmont---------- Represented by letter.
Bruington---J. F. Morris, J. T. Morris, R. R. Lay, F. B. Morris.
Catawba---------J. S. Bridges, M. J. Cochran, Lewis F. Danner.
Dallas---------F. Floyd, C. S. Stowe.
Gastonia-----E. F. Jones, J. A. B. L. Hurley, W. F. Marshall, L. L. Jenkins.
Hickory--C. S. Cashwell, J. F. Click, J. A. Martin, J. D. Elliott.
Hickory Grove---C. L. Hope, I. V. Abernethy, D. C. Abernethy.
Kid's Chapel----------S. A. Whitener, W. A. Graham.
Link's Chapel----------L. A. Abernethy, A. N. Jones.
Long Creek----------M. L. Hoffman, C. W. Hoffman.
Maiden----------J. A. Hoyle, E. S. Whisnant, J. A. Kennedy, W. J. Caldwell, J. H. Deal.
McAdenville----------Z. T. Bell.
Mt. Holly----------J. W. Hansil, W. W. Hartgrove.
Mt. Ruhama------J. L. Caldwell, W. H. Drum, A. B. Caldwell, J. C. Barker.
Mt. Grove--D. A. Whisnant, Jones F. Abernethy, Calvin Baker, Edgar Abernethy.
Newton----------C. M. Burrus, G. W. Cochran, A. M. Harrell.
Olivet----------W. W. Bridges, J. Brown, D. B. Harwell, J. H. Christenberry.
Sandy Plains----------J. H. Hoffman, W. D. Robinson.
Salem----------D. F. Clanton.
Bethel----------A. W. Biggerstaff, W. C. Mullen.
Penelope----------C. M. Murchison.
Lincolnton----------J. L. Wilkie.
Thessalonica----------W. P. Rhonney, D. H. Ramsour.
Lowell----------J. T. Jenkins, Haywood Arney.
Warlick's Chapel----------C. E. Beaver.
Mt. Zion-------W. B. McLure, G. W. Abernethy, D. L. Nantz, Ezra Cronister.
Providence 1st.---------- Represented by letter.

*Macedonia*_____M. M. Caldwell, Hosea Parker, J. E. Burk.
*Hebron*_____ J. R. Underwood, B. H. Roberts, L. C. Prim.
Denver, Triangle, and Providence 2nd,_____Not represented.

The Association was organized by electing C. S. Cashwell Moderator, and L. A. Abernethy Clerk.

On motion the rules of the Constitution were suspended, and J. D. Moore elected Treasurer by acclamation. J. D. Moore, the Treasurer for the past year, then submitted the following:

Treasurer's Report, 1895.

NEWTON, N. C., Oct. 25, 1895.

J. D. Moore, Treasurer, in acc't with South Fork Baptist Association.

——DR.——		——CR.——	
To Cash rec'd at Maiden 1894,	$ 606.28	By Am'ts applied by direction as follows:	
" Receipts since that date,	246.19	Ministers' Relief Fund,	$ 35.51
		Orphanage	152.63
		Associational Missions	310.29
		Gospel "	179.65
		Foreign "	16.40
		Home "	32.52
		State "	22.25
		Minute Fund,	22.54
		Bible "	1.65
		Colportage,	2.43
		Education,	76.60
	$852.47		$852.47

J. D. MOORE, Treasurer.

Adopted.

Application for membership into this Association was made by Bethel, a newly constituted church near Lincolnton. Referred to a committee.

B. S. Peterson, representative of the *North Carolina Baptist*, and C. E. Gower, of the Green River Association were made welcome visitors.

The Moderator announced the various committees as provided for in the "Rules of Order," whose names will appear with their reports.

The committee appointed to examine the Articles of Faith of Bethel church, reported them orthodox, and the Moderator, on behalf of the Association, extended to the delegates the right hand of fellowship and welcome as a member of this body.

On motion adjourned, having been led in prayer by Rev. J. F. Morris.

The introductory sermon was preached at night by Rev. E. F. Jones of Gastonia. Text: John 1:17.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 25.

Met at 9:30. Scripture read by the Moderator, prayer by E. S. Whisenant.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, J. F. Morris, J. D. Moore, and J. S. Bridges.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, E. F. Jones. Alternate; J. F. Click.

Report on Home Missions.

This is a subject that should appeal to all of us. Our Home Mission Board is doing work among our own native people of the South; among the negroes; among the foreign people that are coming among us; and in Cuba. We believe that we in the South have the Gospel in its purity. If we would have it to remain thus, we must keep the Gospel ever before our people, and meet the isms and heresies that come among us from foreign shores with the pure Gospel. Let us awake to our duty and privilege to keep ever before our people the cross of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. BRIDGES, C. M. BURRUS, J. T. MORRIS, Com.

Remarks by D. P. Bridges. Report adopted.

The Report on Periodicals, after remarks by B. S. Peterson, representative of the *North Carolina Baptist*, J. D. Moore, E. F. Jones and others, was deferred until Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Brethren I. W. Thomas and J. V. McCall from the Caldwell Association, E. A. Poe from the Catawba River Association, and J. M. Shaver from the Alexander Association were cordially seated in the Association.

On motion the pastor and delegates of Newton church were made a committee on religious exercises.

A communication having been received from M. P. Matheny and read, referred to the Executive Committee, and reported and adopted as follows:

"The claim made by M. P. Matheny against the Association for money advanced in building the house at Newton, after careful investigation, was not allowed; and we recommend that the matter be dismissed by the Association."

Upon motion the Report on the Orphanage was made a special order for the night session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion struck from the "Rules of Order" the committee relating to the "Digest of Church Letters."

Report on Foreign Missions.

The giving of the Gospel to the heathen should be a delightful work to God's people—because the Master says, "Preach the Gospel to every creature," and because millions are sinking into a dark eternity without even a ray of hope in the great beyond. "The work is slow," say some. Yes; it is slow from a human standpoint; but the world was without Christ for four thousand years. He came at the appointed time. The question is not whether the heathen can be saved without the Gospel, but whether we can be saved and not give the Gospel to them. God himself is the power of the Gospel and the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Men and women are saying, "Here are we, send us," God has given enough money to his people that they do not need, only for speculation and luxury, to send the Gospel to the whole world by the year 1900. Will we do it, or will we heap up treasures against the day of wrath? The missionaries need our prayers and contributions We have a faithful band of workers in the interior of China. Let us help them if their wants are not supplied, or send others. Dr. Willingham, the earnest, godly corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, is doing all he can to arouse the churches to their duty in support of Missionaries on the field, and also to send more. Let us help in this God given work wherever we think best, and let us work without ill will, but brotherly love and courtesy.

E. F. JONES, J. L. CALDWELL, C. E. BEAVER, Com.

Remarks by E. F. Jones, E. A. Poe, and W. A. Graham.

On motion took up a collection for Bro. G. P. Bostic who is in China, amounting to $8.39. Report adopted.

PLACE.

Next session of this Association will be held at Gastonia. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. C. S. Cashwell of Hickory.

Upon motion as the reports on the different objects were discussed, the churches were to pledge the amount they were willing to pay for the year 1896.

Report on Education received and recommitted after remarks by Bro. Bell, and made a special order for 10 o'clock on Saturday.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered G. W. F. Harper, President of the C. & L. R. R. Co., for reduced rates to delegates attending this session of our Association.

J. A. HOYLE.

On motion adjourned with prayer by J. F. Morris.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Report on Orphanage having been made a special order for this time, was submitted and adopted after being spoken upon by J. B. Boone, President of the Orphanage at Thomasville. Following is the

Report on the Orphanage.

Your committee begs to report that at our Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., there are now one hundred and sixteen children. These are the children of our dead brothers and sisters. The Lord in his wisdom has called them home and now calls upon us to feed, clothe, and educate them. We all were very sorry to give up Bro. J. H. Mills, the father of the orphanage work in our State, but feel sure our board of trustees ha made a wise choice in securing the services of Bro. J. B. Boone as General Manager of the institution. Let us see to it that our churches stand by him in this part of the Master's work.

Submitted by the committee,
J. A. HOYLE, FOREST FLOYD, J. H. HOFFMAN, Com.

Collection for the Orphanage $8.74.

On motion adjourned with prayer by C. M. Murchison.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 26.

Devotional exercises conducted by I. W. Thomas. Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

Report on Obituaries.

Since the last meeting of this body death has invaded our ranks, removing from us twenty-one of our dear ones. Among the churches that have been thus bereaved we make special mention of Bro. Luther A. Killian of Lebanon church. He has passed from his labors to his reward. Bro. Killian was a good man in the true sense of goodness, and will be greatly missed by his church. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn their loss. May the Lord comfort and sustain them by his grace. As we are called thus to chronicle the departure of those who are gone, let us hear the words of our Savior, saying, "Therefore, be ye also ready."

J. S. BRIDGES, J. L. WILKIE, Com.

Adopted.

Report on Ministerial Students.

We recommend that the indebtedness contracted by Bro. Beaver at Penelope under arrangements of last Association, be discharged out of moneys now on hand; and that the remainder in the hands of the treasurer, and all money contributed for ministerial education hereafter, be forwarded to the Board of Education.

J. F. MORRIS, Com.

Adopted.

Report on Education.

So much of Baptist influence and Baptist growth depends upon Baptist education, that our zeal in this cause can scarcely go too far so long as it does not surpass our zeal in spreading the gospel itself. We urge all our people to identify themselves with Baptist schools, with distinctively Christian education; and we commend to their faithful, loyal support the Baptist schools of this Association, Wake Forest College, the new school for our girls now making ready at Raleigh; and all other Baptist female schools in the State. Having one or more young men now studying for the more efficient ministry of the Word, this Association is especially concerned in them and their support at school; and we hope our churches will not omit to avail themselves of the means of grace to be found in giving liberally to the cause of ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MOORE, E. S. WHISENANT, Z. T. BELL, Com.

Remarks by J. D. Moore, I. W. Thomas, J. B. Boone, and others. Adopted.

Pledges for Ministerial Education by some of the churches.

Gastonia	$10.00	Mt. Grove	2.00
Hickory	10.00	Mt. Ruhama	2.00
Lincolnton	5.00	Mt. Zion	5.00
Long Creek	4.00	Newton	3.00
Lowell	5.00	Penelope	2.50
Macedonia	5.00	Salem	2.00
Maiden	4.00	Thessalonica	1.00
McAdenville	5.00		

Report of Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee Oct. 25th, 1895, the following business was transacted:

1st. The report of Bro. D. P. Bridges was read and received. The committee has been convinced by this report and by information otherwise obtained that this is a very important field and should be cultivated. We have been informed that a lot has been secured at a suitable place to build a house to worship in. We therefore recommend that the churches of this Association attempt to raise a sufficient amount to build one—say about $300.00.

2nd. Bro. J. F. Morris made a verbal report which was considered of such importance as to justify the committee in recommending to the Association to keep a man on this field, and other points near by.

3rd. Bro. C. M. Murchison reports that the work on his field is progressing satisfactorily; and we therefore recommend that a competent man be continued on said field.

Respectfully,

J. S. BRIDGES, Chairman, D. A. WHISENANT, G. I. PASOUR, J. T. MORRIS, J. D. MOORE, } Com.

The missionaries of the different fields mentioned in the report made very encouraging remarks on their respective fields, which showed that the gospel is not preached in vain. Adopted.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Report on Periodicals was made a special order for this hour. The report is as follows:

Report on Periodicals.

Religious papers are very important and convenient for the general diffusion of truth, shedding their silent light, like the rays of the sun, to all who open their eyes; enabling all who will to acquaint themselves with the best, the ripest thoughts of our most able writers. Therefore your committee recommend the *Biblical Recorder*. It has been and still is an able paper, setting forth the doctrine, faith, and practice of the Baptists with no uncertain sound. The *North Carolina Baptist* is a very reliable paper worthy of the patronage of our denomination. *Charity and Children* is an excellent family paper. It interests both old and young—is worthy of a place in every family. The *Mission Journal* tells us largely about our Foreign and Home Missions, is quite instructive, and deserves to have an extensive circulation. We also recommend the Series of Sunday School Helps published by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. BRIDGES, CHAS. S. STOWE, G. W. ABERNETHY, Com.

Remarks by J. C. Caddell, agent and correspondent of the *Biblical Recorder*, J. B. Boone in behalf of *Charity and Children*.

Adopted.

Rutherford College.

Your committee to whom was referred at last session the matter of buying Rutherford College, submit: That upon investigation we found that the property was not within our reach on terms that we could accept.

C. S. CASHWELL, for Com.

Adopted.

Sunday School Report.

On examination of the Church Letters of the different churches of this Association, we find that only about fifty per cent of our churches have Sunday Schools with an average attendance of forty. The churches have evergreen schools. We recommend that each pastor in our Association organize a Sunday School in all his churches early in the year, and send a report of the work, and a good delegation to our next Sunday School Convention.

W. B. MCLURE, J. A. KENNEDY, A. B. CALDWELL, Com.

Adopted.

Financial Report of Executive Committee.

Amount promised Missionaries,	$210.00
Cash received from the various churches,	64.40
Balance due Missionaries,	$145.60.

This report showed a deficiency of $145.60. In order to liquidate this debt, the roll of the churches was called, and each church pledged the following, to be paid by the first of January, 1896:

Catawba		Mt. Zion	
Hebron	$5.00	Mt. Ruhama	5.00
Kid's Chapel	5.00	Newton	5.00
Lincolnton	5.00	Olivet	2.50
Link's Chapel	5.00	Thessalonica	5.00
Long Creek	2.00	Bethel, (Paid)	1.00
Lowell	5.00	Hickory	2.00
Maiden	5.00	Penelope	5.00
McAdenville	5.00	Salem, (Paid)	5.00
Mt. Grove, (Paid)	5.00	Bruington	1.00
Mt. Holly	5.00	By collection in cash	3.00
			5.16

This still shows a deficiency of $53.34. It is to be hoped that the churches not pledged will assist in the liquidation of this debt. Any assistance, from whatever source, will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, and credit given in its proper place.

State Missions.

This is an important work and has brought lasting benefit to almost every part of our State. Much of the work has been within the bounds of our Association. Many of our churches are the outgrowth of State Missions work. The church we have met with is one of them. During last year there were ninety-two missionaries in its employ. There are perhaps more this year. Some of these are within our bounds. Shall this work stop, or shall we prosecute it more vigorously? We appeal to every Baptist to give his hearty support.

J. F. MORRIS, J. F. CLICK, M. J. CALDWELL, Com.

Discussed by J. B. Boone and Adopted.

Pledges for State Missions were made as follows:

Gastonia		Mt. Grove	
Hebron	$ 5.00	Mt. Ruhama	4.00
Hickory	3.00	Mt. Zion	3.00
Lincolnton	10.00	Newton	5.00
Long Creek	5.00	Penelope	5.00
Maiden	5.00	Salem	3.00
	5.00		2.00

Many of the churches did not pledge but will give this cause their hearty support as they have done in the past.

Revs. J. F. Morris and D. P. Bridges were appointed a committee to visit Penelope Academy, to examine the operations of the institution, and report at the next session of the Association.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered the brethren and sisters and friends of Newton and vicinity for their kind hospitality to the delegates and visitors of this session.

On motion the Clerk was to superintend the printing of minutes and retain $5.00 for his services.

Adjourned with prayer by E. F. Jones.

C. S. CASHWELL, *Moderator.*
L. A. ABERNETHY, *Clerk.*

Report of Finance Committee.

The following amounts are shown by the report to have been received for the objects named:

Minute Fund		Gospel Missions	22.89
Associational Missions	$22.85	Education Missions	27.06
State Missions	45.73	Orphange Mission	26.53
Home Missions	37.89	Minutes' Relief	17.72
Foreign Missions	34.45	TOTAL.....	$281.59.
	46.47		

For all of which due credit is given to the several churches and collections in the Table of Contributions.—PRINTER.

STATISTICAL TABLE—1895.

Churches.	Constituted.	Additions.				Diminutions.				Membership.			Sun. Schools.			Value		
		Baptized	Letter.	Restored	Total.	Letter.	Excluded	Died	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Officers & Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Church Property	Setting Out	
Belmont	1874	12	10	3	23	38	1	2	40	32	71	103	8	50	58	$ 500	300	
Bruington	1853			1		5			6	45	71	116	9	45	54	600	300	
Bethel	1895									13	12	25						
Catawba	1875						2		2	11	23	35				2000	400	
Dallas	1879	1	13	3	17	15	5		20	10	19	29				1200	400	
Gastonia	1884		5	1	6	5			5	41	108	149	14	168	182	2500	500	
Hebron	1883	11	1	4	16	7	11		18	20	40	60	8	60	68	400	400	
Hickory	1870	8	9	1	18	5	1	1	7	49	66	115	14	135	149	2500	300	
Hickory Grove	1873			3	3	1	1		2	52	63	115	2	20	22	1500	400	
Kid's Chapel	1872									15	41	56	6	85	91	500	400	
Lebanon	1855				5	12		1	13	15	34	73	3	35	38	150	200	
Lincolnton	1859	4	1		1					36	30	66	3	25	28	2500	300	
Link's Chapel	1884	6	5	4	15	3	1		4	27	43	70	3	25	28	2000	175	
Lowell	1892		4		4	3		12	15	63	99	162	7	80	87	1000	600	
Macedonia	1869				1	5			5	41	67	108	9	100	109	600	350	
Maiden	1891	13	4	1	24	20		4	24	11	28	39			20	700	300	
McAdenville	1887	25	14		39	5			5	8	28	73				800	500	
Mt. Grove	1881					3		3	3	7	26	93				800	400	
Mt. Holly	1890		5	1	1	7		1	8	47	62	93				1200	400	
Mt. Ruhama	1816	5	2	5	12	4		1	5	31	146	213	11	60	60	400	200	
Mt. Zion	1869	18		4	22	6		1	7	67	138	217	8	75	83	500	400	
Newton	1881	3	5		8	4			4	6	23	32	3	27	30	1200	400	
Olivet	1833	10	2		12	1	2		3	7	9	23	9	60	69	600	300	
Providence 1st	1852		2		2	2	1		3	3	3	77				600	400	
Providence 2nd	1878									46	77	123				200	200	
Penelope	1888			2	3	1			1	3	24	27				200	200	
Salem	1854	1	1		2	5			5	13	15	28	20		20	100	100	
Sandy Plains	1863	2	1		3	2	2		4	40	85	125	6	60	66	350	300	
Thessalonica	1830	1			1	1	1		2	61	103	164	4	30	34	600	300	
Triangle	1894									42	61	103				650	400	
Warlick's	1815									15	25	40				600	300	
Totals		120	93	27	240	157	40	23	220	873	1497	2870	124	1153	1407	$26550	9725	

Sunday School Sup'ts, Their Churches and Post Offices.

Brinkerton, J. T. Morris, Stanley Creek, N. C.—Dallas, Forest Floyd, Dallas, N. C.—Gastonia, W. F. Marshall, Gastonia, N. C.—Hebron, B. H. Roberts, Mt. Island, N. C.—Hickory, B. F. Whitesides, Hickory, N. C.—Lincolnton, J. L. Wilkie, Lincolnton, N. C.—Long Creek, S. D. Brown, Dallas, N. C.—Lowell, H. W. Barney, Lowell, N. C.—Maiden, E. S. Whisenant, Maiden, N. C.—McAdenville, J. S. Fox, McAdenville, N. C.—Mt. Holly, C. H. Harris, Mt. Holly N. C.—Mt. Ruhama, W. F. Caldwell, Lorette, N. C.—Mt. Zion, James Ford, Alexis, N. C.—Newton, G. W. Cochran, Newton, N. C.—Penelope, C. E. Beaver, Penelope, N. C.

NOTE.—It will be seen from the above that many of the churches have no Sunday Schools. The number of officers and scholars given in the Statistical Table was very imperfectly reported. Many of them had to be taken from last year's minutes. It is to be hoped that if the reports of the Sunday Schools are to appear in the minutes every year, the churches should be more particular in sending them up.

THE CLERK.

CONTRIBUTIONS—1895.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidtl Expns's	Minute Fund	Build- ing & Repairs.	As'oc'nl Mis- sions.	State Missi'ns	Home Missi'ns	FOREIGN MISS		Educa- tion.	Orphn'g	Minst'rs Relief.	Other Objects	Aggre- gate.
								Board	Gosp'l					
BRUINGTON	$	$ 8 00	$ 1 45	$	$ 17 00	$ 1 00	$ 4 00	$	$ 7 00	$ 3 00	$ 11 00	$ 1 00	$	$ 53 45
BETHEL			50											50
CATAWBA	70 00	2 50	50		9 25	5 00	2 00	5 00		5 00	5 00	2 00	6 00	112 25
DALLAS	120 00		1 00	70 00	6 04		2 32	4 62	3 00		16 36	4 00		227 34
*GASTONIA	400 00	102 00	1 55	36 00	24 92			33 38		10 89	28 00	9 44	*95 00	756 45
HEBRON	100 00	2 00	1 50			3 00	2 00	2 00		1 50	3 00	2 00	4 65	121 65
†HICKORY	300 00	36 77	1 35		5 00	4 00	8 90	10 00		7 00	40 92		*64 91	757 47
HICKORY GROVE			80		4 00		2 00	3 00		1 30	2 00	1 00		14 10
KID'S CHAPEL			1 10		11 00				4 15	5 00	1 00			22 25
LINCOLNTON	106 30	20 00	1 00		5 00		6 00	12 00	3 00		23 74		10 36	186 40
LINK'S CHAPEL		3 90	50		1 25		1 25	1 25			1 25			9 40
LONG CREEK	100 00		65		5 00	2 00	1 00	2 00		1 00	7 00		9 00	133 65
LOWELL	125 00		90		5 27			5 62			1 52	4 11	3 94	146 36
MACEDONIA	50 00		40			1 00	1 00	2 00			1 00			55 40
MAIDEN	85 00		75		4 00	300	2 00	3 00		2 00	5 00	2 75		107 50
MCADENVILLE	100 35	9 35	1 00		2 50	2 25	2 25	3 00		2 25	14 55	2 25	20 85	160 60
MT. GROVE	80 00		75		2 27	3 00	2 00	3 00		2 00	3 35			96 37
MT. HOLLY	104 00	3 75	1 00		5 00		2 85		4 11	2 10	25 75		25 00	173 56
MT. RUHAMA	100 00		75		5 00	50	2 00	2 00		25	50			111 00
MT. ZION		1 35	1 00		5 60	1 00	1 00	5 00			2 00			16 95
NEWTON	75 00	25 00	1 00	100 00	3 00	6 79	3 00	3 00		3 00	16 00	3 00		255 56
OLIVET		20	90		2 25	1 00	2 50		2 50	1 00	12 00		7 05	29 40
PROVIDENCE 1st	50 00		30		2 00		50	1 00		50	3 35			57 65
PROVIDENCE 2nd														
PENELOPE	50 00		25		5 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		5 00	1 00			70 25
SALEM			65		3 00	1 30	2 60	2 45		1 00	1 00	1 00		13 00
SANDY PLAINS	110 00	5 40	1 00			3 00	3 00	3 65		1 00	3 54		5 75	136 34
THESSALONICA			20		55	50	50	50		50	50	50		3 75
COLLECTIONS									8 39		8 74			17 13
TOTALS	$2125 65	$220 22	$22 85	$206 00	$133 90	$39 34	$55 67	$109 47	$32 15	$55 29	$239 07	$33 05	$252 51	$3846 83

NOTES.—*Gastonia gave to the poor $15.27. †Hickory gave to the poor $3.62; also two hundred and seventy-five dollars on parsonage. Warlick's gave 10 cents to Minute Fund. Following amounts were given to Colportage by the Sunday Schools named: Long Creek $6.00; Newton, $16.77; Penelope, $5.00. All of which are included in above totals. Belmont, Denver, Lebanon and Triangle had nothing reported. The * in Other Objects column indicates Sunday School funds.—PRINTER.

DIRECTORY—1895.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	PR'CHING
BELMONT	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Charlotte N. C.	W. W. McLean.	Belmont N. C.	4th Sun.
BRUINGTON	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley Creek " "	J. T. Morris	Stanley Creek " "	2
BETHEL	Lincoln	J. A Hoyle	Maiden " "	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton " "	
CATAWBA	Catawba	D. P. Bridges.	Catawba " "	W. J. Cochran	Catawba " "	3
DALLAS	Gaston	E. F. Jones	Gastonia " "	C. S. Stowe	Dallas " "	4
DENVER	Lincoln					
GASTONIA	Gaston	E. F. Jones	Gastonia " "	W. H. Hoffman.	Gastonia " "	1 & 3
HEBRON	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Charlotte " "	W. F. Mosley		1
HICKORY	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory " "	Azor Shell	Hickory " "	2 & 4
HICKORY GROVE	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley Creek " "	David Howe	Mt. Holly " "	3
KID'S CHAPEL	Lincoln	M. P. Matheny	Gastonia " "	W. A. Graham	Machpelah " "	1
LEBANON	Catawba					
LINCOLNTON	Lincoln	D. M. Austin	Charlotte " "	J. Thos. McLean	Lincolnton " "	3
LINK'S CHAPEL	Lincoln			A. C. Lineberger	Iron Station " "	
LONG CREEK	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden " "	H. L. Jenkins	Dallas " "	3
LOWELL	Gaston	E. F. Jones	Gastonia " "	J. B. Hester	Lowell " "	2
MACEDONIA	Lincoln	W. B. McLure.	Alexis " "	J. Mullen	Derr " "	3
MAIDEN	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden " "	L. S. Caldwell	Maiden " "	1
McADENVILLE	Gaston			Geo. L. Wright	McAdenville " "	3
MT. GROVE	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory " "	Ed Abernethy	Hickory " "	3
MT. HOLLY	Gaston			S. L. Bollinger	Mt. Holly " "	
MT. RUHAMA	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden " "	L. J. Caldwell	Loretta " "	1
MT. ZION	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden " "	G. W. Abernethy	Alexis " "	4
NEWTON	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory " "	J. W. Cochran	Newton " "	1
OLIVET	Catawba	C. C. Pool	Taylorsville " "	J. Brown	Shawnee " "	4
PROVIDENCE 1st	Catawba			C. C. Plott		4
PROVIDENCE 2nd	Catawba					
PENELOPE	Burke	C. M. Murchison	Penelope " "	Jno. Hilderbrand	Penelope " "	4
SALEM	Lincoln			W. T. McCoy		
SANDY PLAINS	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Lattimore " "	N. A. Jenkins	Begonia " "	3
THESSALONICA	Catawba			W. P. Rhony	Jacob's Fork " "	
TRIANGLE	Lincoln					
WARLICK'S	Burke					

CONSTITUTION.

1st. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2nd. Its objects shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds, to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship, to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3rd. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4th. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5th. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6th. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7th. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8th. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, and such Special Committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 a. m.; adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; meet at 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors in any conceivable way; and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

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E. S. WHISNANT,	Maiden, N. C.
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W. B. McLURE,	Alexis, N. C.
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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS.

1. Gastonia, Dallas, Sandy Plains, Lowell, McAdenville, Belmont, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek.

2. Lincolnton, Salem, Link's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Ruhama, Bethel, Denver, Triangle.

3. Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence 1st., Providence 2nd., Thessalonica, Mtn. Grove, Penelope, Warlick's Chapel, Startown.

The Association not to meet in one section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

GASTONIA, N. C., Oct. 22, 1896.

The South Fork Association met in the Baptist church in Gastonia, N. C. The Moderator, Rev. C. S. Cashwell, called the meeting to order. The clerk being absent, the Moderator requested J. R. Lewis to act as Clerk *pro tempore.*

Brethren D. P. Bridges and J. F. Morris were appointed reading clerks. The roll of churches was called and letters read. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

BELMONT.....G. M. Armstrong, R. C. Bowen, W. W. McLean.
BRUINGTON.....Rev. J. F. Morris, T. J. Wallace, T. S. Black, J. D. Caldwell.
CATAWBA.....
DALLAS.....Represented by letter.
GASTONIA.....J. D. Moore, W. H. Hoffman, W. F. Marshall, J. A. B. L. Hurley, J. A. White.
HICKORY.....Rev. C. S. Cashwell, S. P. Hatton, J. F. Pierce.
HICKORY GROVE.....J. D. Howe, Edward Hansel, B. F. Smith.
KID'S CHAPEL.....W. A. Graham, S. A. Whitener.
LINK'S CHAPEL.....Not represented.
LONG CREEK.....Alberry Hoffman, Craig Hoffman, A. J. Baldwin.
MAIDEN.....J. A. Hoyle, A. B. Ervin, R. A. Linch, Jacob Abernethy.
MCADENVILLE.....K. M. Kee, F. J. McCaulay, Joseph S. Fox. J. V. Fisher.
MT. HOLLY.....L. R. Norket, J. W. Hansil.
MT. RUHAMA.....John L. Caldwell, A. M. Caldwell, L. J. Caldwell.
MTN. GROVE.....D. A. Whisnant.
NEWTON.....A. M. Harrell.
OLIVET.....Jacob Stewart.
SANDY PLAINS.....W. E. Beatty, J. H. Hoffman.
SALEM.....D. F. Clanton, G. I. Pasour.
BETHEL.....A. M. Shrum, A. W. Biggerstaff.
PENELOPE.....C. M. Murchison.
LINCOLNTON.....E. C. Huss.
THESSALONICA.....W. P. Rhoney.
LOWELL.....A. P. Earney, William Sachms, J. W. Groves.
WARLICK'S CHAPEL.....By letter.
MT. ZION.....E. P. Cloninger, R. L. Hansil, Robt. Nantz.
MACEDONIA.....J. P. Hawkins, W. C. Nantz.
HEBRON.....W. F. Mosley, J. R. Underwood, J. S. Underwood, C. T. Thomas.
DENVER.....Not represented.
PROVIDENCE 1st.....Not represented.
PROVIDENCE 2nd.....A. D. Young.
TRIANGLE.....Not represented.
STARTOWN.....Charles E. Deal.

The Association was organized by electing W. A. Graham Moderator, J. R. Lewis Clerk and J. D. Moore Treasurer.

J. D. Moore, Treasurer for past year, submitted the following:

Treasurer's Report, 1896.

GASTONIA, N. C., Oct. 22, 1896.

J. D. Moore, Treas., in acc't with South Fork Baptist Association.

——DR.——		——CR.——	
To Cash rec'd from Finance Committee at Newton, Oct. 1895,	$294.50	By cash paid as follows:	
To Cash rec'd during the year, 1896,	309 77	Associational Missions,	$126.47
		State Missions,	49 89
		Home Missions,	48 72
		Foreign Missions,	47 67
		Gospel Missions,	178 47
		Orphanage,	65 03
		Ministers' Relief Fund,	25 46
		Education,	29 36
		Seminary,	10 00
		Colportage,	35
		Minute Fund,	22 85
	$604.27		$604.27

J. D. MOORE, Treasurer.

Application was made for membership into this Association by Startown, a newly constituted church in Catawba County, N. C. Referred to a committee.

Rev. F. C. Hickson, Rev. E. F. Jones, Rev. A. T. Latta, and Rev. John E. White were made welcome visitors.

The Moderator announced the various committees as provided for in the "Rules of Order" whose names will appear with their reports.

Report on State Missions.

State Missions lie at the basis of our denominational work. Under God we have been enabled through the work of State Missions to save thousands of souls, build hundreds of churches, and to make great progress toward the salvation of North Carolina. In 1830 there were only 15,000 Baptists in the State. There are to-day 160,000 white Baptists and 150,000 colored Baptists in North Carolina. Much of this remarkable growth has been the direct result of the work of missionaries under the direction of the State Mission Board. God has greatly blessed the labors of our missionaries this year. Ninety-eight of our brethren have been employed, preaching to 450 different congregations. About 10,000 sermons have been preached and over 1,000 persons baptized on our mission fields. It has been a hard year financially. We have had to contend against many difficulties. Up to date we have been able to acknowledge only $6,000—less than half the amount we must raise to avoid debt. Brethren we urge that every member of this Association make a personal contribution to this work. If it suffers, all else will suffer. We also recommend that each one of our churches take a special collection for State Missions during the next thirty days.

C. S. CASHWELL, } Com.
G. M. ARMSTRONG. }

Discussed by Rev. J. E. White, and laid on table. A cash collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to $6.75.

Pledges for State Missions were made as follows:

Belmont,	$10.00	Newton,	$ 5.00
Dallas,	5.00	Salem,	2.00
Gastonia,	25.00	Lincolnton,	10.00
Hickory,	15.00	Thessalonica,	1.00
Long Creek,	3.00	Lowell,	20.00
Mtn. Grove,	3.00		

The Committee appointed to examine the articles of faith of Startown church reported them orthodox. On motion the church was received as a member af this body and its delegates enrolled.

Adjournment aster prayer by Rev. J. E. White.

The introductory sermon was preached at night by Rev. C. S. Cashwell. Text, Acts 11, 14.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 23, 1896.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock. Scripture read by Rev. F. C. Hickson; prayer by Rev. A. T. Latta.

Rev. C. E. Gower, of the Green River Association, and Rev. G. M. Webb, of the King's Mountain Association, were received as messengers from their respective Associations.

Rev. W. M. Bagby, pastor of the Methodist church of Gastonia, was cordially tendered a seat with us.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention at Morganton, beginning on Nov. 11th, 1896, were appointed as follows: C. S. Cashwell, C. H. Durham, and C. M. Murchison. Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention in Wilmington, N. C., in May next: C. S. Cashwell; Alternate, C. H. Durham.

Report on Education.

The cause of education is one of so much importance that we would urge all Baptists to take more interest in the support of our Baptist schools already established, and in building up others wherever the interests of our people demand such schools. We have Penelope Academy within our bounds, a school worthy of the patronage of all Baptists having children to educate. Wake Forest is too well known to the Baptists of the State to need any word of commendation from us.

J. F. MORRIS, J. W. HANSELL, C. S. STOWE, Com.

Report on Penelope Academy.

We, your committee appointed at the last session of this body to visit the school at Penelope, report that we have visited the school at different times during the year and found it in good condition and doing good work. We recommend the school to the Association as being worthy of your patronage, because of the excellent character of its work, the sound morals taught and enforced, and the reasonableness of its charges.

D. P. BRIDGES, J. F. MORRIS, Com.

Discussed by D. P. Bridges, E. F. Jones, C. E. Beaver. Report laid upon the table to be taken up at pleasure.

Adjourned at 11:45 o'clock to meet at 2 p. m.

The Association met promptly at 2 o'clock.

Following are the Executive Committee for 1896–7: W. A. Graham, J. D. Moore, D. A. Whisnant, G. I. Pasour, A. W. Biggerstaff.

Startown church was placed in upper division of Association.

Report on Foreign Missions.

God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son to save it. He wants the world brought to Him. He has laid on us as His children the work of giving the gospel to the world and through it bringing the world to Him. 1st. We need the gospel in our own hearts before we can give it to others. 2nd. We need more faith in God's presence with us in this work. 3rd. We need to realize that the world is lost without Christ. 4th. Then we need most of all to have ourselves and all we are and have consecrated to God.

Respectfully,

D. P. Bridges, Com.

Discussed by D. P. Bridges, F. C. Hickson, E. F. Jones, C. S. Cashwell. Report adopted.

On motion of C. S. Cashwell the roll of churches was called and asked to say what they will try to raise for Foreign Missions during the next associational year. The churches made pledges as follows:

Belmont,	$ 5.00	Newton,	$ 5.00
Bruington,	10.00	Salem,	2.00
Dallas,	5.00	Lincolnton,	5.00
Hickory,	10.00	Thessalonica,	1.00
Long Creek,	1.00	Mt. Zion,	5.00
Maiden,	5.00	Hebron,	5.00
Mt. Ruhama,	2.00	Providence 2nd,	1.00
Mtn. Grove,	3.00		

Report on Home Missions.

Under this department of our work, we embrace the following fields: (1) destitution in the Southern States, (2) the foreign population in these states, (3) the Indian Territory, (4) the colored people in these states, and (5) Cuba. This is a great work laid on our people, and in response to it many men and women have offered themselves living sacrifices to God, to preach the gospel on this great and growing field. The reports from this work have been very encouraging for this year. Especially do we commend to your brotherly and loving consideration the peculiar condition of our much perplexed brethren in the island of Cuba.

D. M. Austin, W. P. Rhoney, A. P. Earney, Com.

Discussed by F. C. Hickson, D. M. Austin, E. F. Jones, G. M. Webb, C. H. Durham, J. D. Moore, J. A. Hoyle and C. S. Cashwell.

Report adopted.

On motion adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Rev. F. C. Hickson preached at night. Text Matt. 25, 40 and 45.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 24, 1896.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D. P. Bridges.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The roll of delegates was called.

The roll of churches was called, and letters and delegates received from Hebron and Penelope churches.

Report of Executive Committee.

The debt of $145.60 reported at last session has been paid. Bro. D. P. Bridges has been engaged a week at Maple Grove, Catawba county; salary, $75.00; paid $45.00; balance $30.00. On account of removal of pastorate and want of house for services no other work has been done this year. Nearly all the lumber except shingles has been secured for the house at Maple Grove. We earnestly urge the churches to assist Bro. Bridges in completing this house. The State Board has aided at Newton and Bethel.

W. A. GRAHAM, A. W. BIGGERSTAFF, Com.

Adopted. A cash collection was taken amounting to $12.25 to assist in paying off the old debt of about $130.00 incurred by the board last year for the support of our missionaries.

Report of the Executive Committee discussed by W. A. Graham and J. F. Morris.

Report on State Missions was re-read. Discussed by J. F. Morris, C. S. Cashwell, C. M. Murchison, J. A. Hoyle, D. W. Thomasson, W. F. Marshall and G. M. Webb. Report adopted.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and invited to seats with us : Rev. J. B. Boone, General Manager of the Thomasville Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.; J. W. Bailey, Editor *Biblical Recorder*, Raleigh, N. C.; O. T. Smith Traveling Agent *Biblical Recorder*, Raleigh, N. C.

Reports on Education and Penelope Academy taken up and re-read. Remarks on the reports by C. M. Murchison, S. P. Hatton, and C. S. Cashwell. Reports adopted.

Report on Orphanage.

The Orphanage undertakes to provide homes for orphan children. This work appeals to our denomination as no other object does. There are about 140 children now at the Orphanage to be provided for. Winter is coming, and the children need shoes and clothing very much, and there is no money in hand to supply these things. The Central building should be finished as soon as possible without interfering with contributions to general support. *Charity and Children* published at the Orphanage should be in all our homes to keep us informed about the work and in touch with the Orphanage.

D. W. THOMASSON, W. H. HOFFMAN, K. N. KEE, Com.

Discussed by Revs. J. B. Boone and C. H. Durham, and adopted.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $11.22.

Report on Periodicals.

Your committee would urge upon all the people the importance of Christian information. The active Christian is usually the informed Christian. Knowledge concerning the Lord's work stimulates zeal and promotes progress in the Lord's work. We reccommend the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of our State convention, as a necessity to those of our members and families who would keep themselves thoroughly posted on the condition and progress of Baptist work in North Carloina, and in this same connection we beg to recommend also the North Carolina *Baptist*. As other valuable mediums of information in their respective fields, we heartily recommend to Baptists the *Foreign Mission Journal*, relating to Baptist work in foreign fields, and *Charity and Children*, representing the Baptist Orphanage. W. F. MARSHALL, W. E. BEATTY, Com.

Discussed by J. W. Bailey. Further discussion of the report passed over until the afternoon session.

Adjourned at 12:30 p. m., to meet again at 2 o'clock.

The Association met at 2 o'clock p. m.

Brethren J. M. Bridges and M. Ross were recognized as visiting brethren from the King's Mountain Association and welcomed to seats with us.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your committee begs to report, that on examination of the church letters we find 24 Sunday Schools have been reported within the bounds of this Association, with an average attendance of about 40, being an increase of twenty-five over that of last year. Some churches have evergreen schools while others have schools like the May flowers, flourish with flattering promise in the spring time, but ere the chilly frost comes, fade and wither away. Therefore, we conclude that this noble cause should receive a deeper and more general effort from our hands, and that something should be done to stir the churches to their full duty in regard to this preparatory work of our Master's kingdom.

JNO. L. CALDWELL, A. M. SHRUM, A. D. YOUNG, Com.

Adopted.

PLACE AND PREACHER.

Next session of this Association is appointed to be held with Kid's Chapel church, and introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. D. M. Austin, of Lowell, N. C.

On motion of J. F. Morris, Brethren J. L. Caldwell, D. A. Whisnant and E. S. Whisnant were appointed a committee to visit Penelope Academy sometime during the next year and report to the next session of this body, as to the management and condition of said school.

Report on Ministers' Relief.

God has called men to preach the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, with the blessed assurance that he would be with them always even unto death. It is an acknowledged fact that a majority of the men called to this great work are poor men; and are very

poorly provided for even while they are actively engaged in their God-given work. Some of these dear brethren fall at the post of duty and pass up to the portals of glory and receive their reward, while many who have fought the battles of life in the Master's service until old age and fflictions come upon them and they are cempelled to retire from active service and await the Master's call for their reward on high. Many of them are left with scarcely anything to support themselves in their old age. The Baptists of North Carolina have undertaken to do something for them by organizing the Ministers' Relief Board and calling our attention to the fact that these brethren are in need of help. The report of the Corresponding Secretary at our last Convention showed that the Board was helping eleven brethren and sisters and that there were two other applications for admittance. So far our Association has done but little for this important work. Your Committee recommend, therefore, that each church in this Association take one collection, for these brethren and sisters, by the first of January, 1897, and send amount collected to the Treasurer of our Association.

J. A. HOYLE, A. B. ERVIN, D. F. CLANTON, Com.

Remarks by J. A. Hoyle and C. S. Cashwell.

Report of Finance Committee.

The following amounts are shown by the report to have been received for the objects named:

Minute Fund,	$23.97	Education,	$31.10
Associational Missions,	55.87	Orphanage,	45.64
State Missions,	90.25	Ministers' Relief,	12.61
Home Missions,	42.05	Other objects,	1.52
Foreign Missions (Board)	56.59		
Gospel Missions,	22.00	TOTAL,	$381.60

Following pledges were made for Aged Ministers' Relief Fund:

Belmont,	$ .50	Hebron,	$ 2.00
Bruington,	3.00	Mtn. Grove,	1.00
Dallas,	1.00	Newton,	2.00
Gastonia,	10.00	Olivet,	2.00
Hickory,	5.00	Salem,	1.00
Maiden,	3.00	Bethel,	2.00
McAdenville,	1.00	Thessalonica,	1.00
Mt. Ruhama,	2.00	Lowell, $2; Mt. Zion, $2	4.00

Pledges for Associational Missions were made as follows:

Bruington,	$17.00	Newton,	$ 2.50
Dallas,	10.00	Olivet,	5.00
Gastonia,	50.00	Salem,	2.00
Hickory,	5.00	Bethel,	3.00
Kid's Chapel,	20.00	Penelope,	5.00
Maiden,	5.00	Mt. Zion,	10.00
Mtn. Grove,	5.00	Hebron,	5.00

Pledges were made as follows for Ministerial Education:

Dallas,	$ 1.00	Newton,	$ 2.00
Gastonia,	10.00	Salem,	1.00
Maiden,	3.00	Bethel,	2.00
Mtn. Crove,	2.00	Mt. Zion,	1.00

The discussion of the report on Periodicals was resumed. Remarks by C. S. Cashwell, J. D. Moore, J. F. Morris, J. B. Boone, W. F. Marshall, J. W. Bailey, and J. A. B. L. Hurley. Adopted.

Resolution of Thanks.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered the brethren and sisters of Gastonia church together with friends of Gastonia and vicinity for their hospitality to the messengers and visitors to this session of our Association, and also to the C. & L. R. R. for reduced rates to delegates.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

RESOLVED (1), That we tender Bro. J. S. Bridges our hearty sympathies in his affliction, assuring him that we are rejoiced to learn of his convalescence and pray for his speedy recovery.

RESOLVED (2), That we remember his many years of faithful service in the Master's cause and hope soon to see him again actively engaged in the work.

RESOLVED (3), That the Clerk transmit to Brother Bridges a copy of these resolutions.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and retain $5.00 for his services.

Adjourned with prayer by C. S. Cashwell.

W. A. GRAHAM, MODERATOR.

J. R. LEWIS, CLERK.

Sunday School Directory.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE.
BRUINGTON	J. T. Morris	Stanley N. C.
BETHEL	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton N. C.
DALLAS	Forest Floyd	Dallas N. C.
GASTONIA	W. F. Marshall	Gastonia N. C.
HEBRON	B. H. Roberts	Mtn. Island N. C.
HICKORY	Dr. B. F. Whitesides	Hickory N. C.
" Berryville Miss.	J. F. Click	Hickory N. C.
LINCOLNTON	J. L. Wilkie	Lincolnton N. C.
LONG CREEK	S. D. Brown	Dallas N. C.
LOWELL	H. W. Earney	Lowell N. C.
MACEDONIA	J. Frank Hawkins	Chronicle N. C.
MAIDEN	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden N. C.
MCADENVILLE	Joseph S. Fox	McAdenville N. C.
MTN. GROVE	D. A. Whisnant	Hickory N. C.
MT. HOLLY	C. H. Harris	Mt. Holly N. C.
MT. RUHAMA	W. F. Caldwell	Loretta N. C.
MT. ZION	W. F. McAlister	Alexis N. C.
NEWTON	B. F. Falls	Newton N. C.
PROVIDENCE 2nd	R. L. Asherbaner	Chestnut N. C.
OLIVET	W. W. Ervin	Shawnee N. C.
SANDY PLAINS	J. H. Hoffman	Begonia N. C.
WARLICKS	A. J. Cook	Penelope N. C.
PENELOPE	John Hilderbrand	Penelope N. C.

Churches.	Constituted.	Additions.				Diminutions.				Membership.			Sunday Schools			Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity
		Baptized	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	Officers & Techs	Pupils.	Total		
Belmont	1874		2	1	3	1				36	69	105					
Bruington	1853	9	3		12			2	2	47	75	122	8	40	48	$ 500	300
Bethel	1895	12	8		20	1			1	21	23	44	6	50	56	600	300
Catawba	1875					1			1	11	22	33					
Dallas	1879					1			1			28	4	30	34	2000	400
Gastonia	1884	2	19	3	24	36	2		38	44	77	121	13	130	143	1200	400
Hebron	1883	4	13		17	2		2	4	25	40	65	7	65	72	2500	500
Hickory	1870	12	9		21	2	6	1	9	58	73	131	14	120	134	400	400
Hickory Grove	1873	11	6	3	20	8	2	3	13	49	67	116				2500	300
Kid's Chapel	1872			4					16	42	58	100				1500	400
Lincolnton	1859					6			6	15	28	43		35	35	500	400
Long Creek		9	2	9	20	2	4	3	9			174	5	25	30	2500	300
Lowell	1892	10	22		32	6			6	38	56	94	7	40	47	1000	600
Macedonia	1869	13	3		16	5	1	2	8			170	4	16	20	1000	350
Maiden	1891	31	12	1	44	3	1		4			145	8	75	83	600	300
McAdenville	1887	2	11		13	30	1	3	34	35	85	120	16	96	112	700	500
Mt. Holly	1890	24	12		36	6		2	8	45	78	123		80		120	
Mt. Ruhama	1816	4			4	2	2	6	10	69	138	207				1200	400
Mtn. Grove	1881		1		1		2		2	25	46	71	5	45	50	400	200
Mt. Zion	1869	2	1		3			2	2			220	4	50	54	800	400
Newton	1881						1		1	8	19	27	5	40	45	500	400
Olivet	1833	8			8	6	1		7	56	70	126	5	60	65	1200	300
Providence 2nd	1878	4	3	1	8		2		2	29	36	65			40	600	400
Penelope	1888	13	5	1	19	6	1		7	17	20	37				100	100
Salem	1854	2	1		3	8	1	1	10	40	76	116				350	
Sandy Plains	1863	7	2		9	7	9	6	22	33	68	101	6	35	41	600	300
Startown	1896	8	2		10					2	8	10				650	400
Thessalonica	1830	2			2			2	2	15	24	39					
Warlick's	1815	6	4	2	12	8	2	1	11			150	5	73	78	600	300
Totals		195	141	25	357	147	38	36	236	760	1256	2863	122	1105	1187	1500	500
																$26120	9150

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS—1896.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Incid'nt'l Expenses	Minute Fund.	Building and Repairs.	Associational Missions.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Miss. Board.	Foreign Miss. Gospel	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers Relief.	Other Objects.	Aggregate.
Belmont	$ 150 00	$	$ 1 25	$	$ 13 47	$ 7 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 75	$ 17 27	$ 2 00	$ 9 75	$ 3 00	$	$ 163 75
Bruington		4 00					2 00				1 00		50	52 74
Bethel	55 25	6 55	30	400 00	15 00	5 00	1 00	1 00			2 00			470 60
Catawba	25 00	50	50			2 00	6 74	2 00	5 00	2 00	3 50		15 66	45 00
Dallas	70 00		1 00		19 46	10 00	13 02	1 20	140 62	13 65	25 00	7 74	36 00	105 90
Gastonia	600 00	10 77	2 17	21 50	6 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			4 00	70	16 59	901 13
Hebron	100 00	6 00	1 00		5 00	15 00	5 00	13 40		6 75	32 43		277 87	137 29
Hickory	350 00	57 50	1 30	51 21	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 72				1 00		815 46
Hickory Grove	25 20		45		31 00				5 00	10 00	2 50			40 37
Kid's Chapel			1 00		5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	20 00		23 00	49 50
Lincolnton	100 00	22 00	1 10			5 00		5 00		4 00			2 79	191 10
Long Creek	100 00		1 35		5 00	15 00	7 50	10 00		5 00	15 50			118 14
Lowell	125 00	57 00	1 00	10 00		1 00					1 00	50		251 00
Macedonia			50		5 00	5 00	1 00			3 00	2 00	1 76	24 50	3 00
Maiden	100 00		70		3 00	5 00	7 37	5 87		1 00	16 95	1 00		142 96
McAdenville	116 25	23 55	1 00		5 00			5 70	6 50				28 34	180 99
Mt. Holly	107 40		1 15		4 00		1 00	2 25		50	1 25		15 00	154 09
Mt. Ruhama			45		5 00	5 00	2 00	4 00		2 60	6 00			24 45
Mtn. Grove	100 00		1 00			15 00						1 15		125 60
Mt. Zion	125 00		1 50			7 50	3 00	5 00		3 00	17 00	3 00		142 65
Newton	100 00	10 00	50	475 00	2 50	2 75	2 62	5 00			2 80		5 65	626 50
Olivet	125 00		60	9 78	1 05	1 00	50	1 00		20 00	5 00		50 00	155 25
Penelope	50 00	5 00			5 00	25		1 50			1 20		500 00	137 50
Providence 2nd	35 00		75		1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00			1 00		6 32	539 70
Salem		12 50	55		1 00	4 00	3 00	3 00		1 00	3 00		12 30	25 37
Sandy Plains	100 00	10 05	70			2 50	25	1 00		50	50			137 05
Startown			25			1 25	1 25	1 00	50	1 00	67	50	50	5 00
Thessalonica	41 25								1 50		1 50		6 65	47 92
Warlick's			30	9 00	1 50									20 45
			$ 22 37	$ 976 49	$ 150 28	$ 127 00	$ 70 25	$ 82 39	$ 176 39	$ 81 00	$ 186 77	$ 20 35	$ 1021 67	$ 5840 73

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	PR'CHNG
BELMONT	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Lowell	W. W. McLean	Belmont	4th Sun.
BRUINGTON	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley	J. T. Morris	Stanley	2
BETHEL	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	3
CATAWBA	Catawba	D. P. Bridges	Catawba	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	3
DENVER	Lincoln					
DALLAS	Gaston			C. S. Stowe	Dallas	
GASTONIA	Gaston	C. H. Durham	Gastonia	W. H. Hoffman	Gastonia	Evry Sun
HEBRON	Gaston	W. J. Hopkins	Rock Cut	W. F. Mosley	Mt. Holly	1
HICKORY	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	2 & 4
HICKORY GROVE	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley	J. D. Howe	Mt. Holly	3
KID'S CHAPEL	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Catawba	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	1
LEBANON	Catawba					
LINCOLNTON	Lincoln	D. M. Austin	Lowell	J. Thos. McLean	Lincolnton	3
LINK'S CHAPEL	Lincoln					
LONG CREEK	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	A. R. Holland	Dallas	3
LOWELL	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Lowell	J. B. Hester	Lowell	2
MACEDONIA	Lincoln	W. B. McLure	Alexis	Jas. Mullen	Derr	3
MAIDEN	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden	1
MCADENVILLE	Gaston			Joseph S. Fox	McAdenville	
MTN. GROVE	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	Edgr Abernethy	Hickory	3
MT. HOLLY	Gaston	W. J. Hopkins	Rock Cut	S. L. Bolinger	Mt. Holly	2
MT. RUHAMA	Catawba	W. B. McLure	Alexis	L. J. Caldwell	Loretta	4
MT. ZION	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	G. W. Abernethy	Alexis	3
NEWTON	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	B. F. Falls	Newton	1
OLIVET	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. W. Ervin	Shawnee	4
PROVIDENCE 1st	Catawba					
PROVIDENCE 2nd	Catawba	C. E. Beaver	Penelope	A. D. Young	Chestnut	3
PENELOPE	Burke	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	Jno Hilderbrand	Penelope	3
SALEM	Lincoln	P. R. Elam	King's Mtn	J. B. Abernethy	Long Shoal	2
SANDY PLAINS	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Lattimore	N. A. Jenkins	Begonia	3
STARTOWN	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory			
THESSALONICA	Catawba	C. E. Gower	Lincolnton	W. P. Rhoney	Jacob's Fork	3
TRIANGLE	Lincoln					
WARLICKS	Burke	W. B. Mull	Shoup's Ford	A. J. Cook	Penelope	1

Notes.

The totals in Table of Contributions include the following collections taken during the session of the Association: Associational Missions, $12.30; State Missions, $6.75; Orphanage, $11.22.

Hickory church conducts the Berryville Mission Sunday School, which reports 9 officers and teachers, 50 pupils, Sunday School expenses $17.39, given to Orphanage $3.60, to Central Building $7.00.

Gastonia church reports Collections by Ladies' Aid Society amounting to $43.43 since May 4, of which $35.80 was applied to church improvement, and $3.00 to charity.

The following churches did not report statistics this year, and the figures given with each are taken from the table of 1895: Lebanon, 73 members; Link's Chapel, 66; Providence 1st, 27; Triangle, 24. Total 190, which, added to the totals in this year's table, make a grand total of 3,053 members.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its objects shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds, to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship, to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, and such Special Committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 a. m.; adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; meet at 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors in any conceivable way; and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain the church should expel them.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

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MODERATOR.

W. A. GRAHAM.....Machpelah, N. C.

CLERK.

L. A. ABERNETHY.....Machpelah, N. C.

TREASURER

J. D. MOORE.....Gastonia, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. F. MORRIS.....Stanley, N. C.
D. P. BRIDGES.....Catawba, N. C.
J. B. OSMENT.....Dallas, N. C.
C. H. DURHAM.....Gastonia, N. C.
C. S. CASHWELL.....Hickory, N. C.
C. E. WOODRUFF.....Hickory, N. C.
J. A. HOYLE.....Maiden, N. C.
E. S. WHISNANT.....Maiden, N. C.
A. W. SETZER.....Carson, N. C.
W. B. MCLURE.....Alexis, N. C.
C. E. BEAVER (Licentiate).....Penelope, N. C.
C. E. GOWER.....Lincolnton, N. C.
C. M. MURCHISON.....Penelope, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

MAJ. W. A. GRAHAM, J. D. MOORE,
D. A. WHISNANT, J. S. BRIDGES,
J. R. UNDERWOOD.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS.

FIRST.—Bessemer City, Gastonia, Dallas, Sandy Plains, Lowell, McAdensville, Belmont, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek.

SECOND.—Lincolnton, Salem, Link's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Roumania, Bethel, Denver, Triangle, River View.

THIRD—Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence 1st, Providence 2nd, Thessalonica, Mountain Grove, Penelope, Warlick's Chapel, Startown.

The Association not to meet in one section two years in succession.

NEXT MEETING.

Next meeting will be held with the church at Penelope, two and a half miles west of Hickory, Burke county, N. C., commencing on Thursday after the third Sunday in October, 1898.

PROCEEDINGS.

KIDSVILLE, N. C., October 21st, 1897.

The South Fork Baptist Association met at Kid's Chapel Baptist Church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. D. M. Austin. Text: Matt. xiii; 55.

After an intermission of one hour the Moderator, Maj. W. A. Graham, called the Association to order. The Clerk being absent, the Moderator requested L. A. Abernethy to act as Clerk, PRO TEM.

Brethren C. S. Cashwell and C. M. Murchison were appointed Reading Clerks. The roll of the churches was called and letters read. Delegates from the different churches were enrolled as follows:

BELMONT—Not represented.

BRUINGTON—Rev. J. F. Morris and Brethren James Hovis, J. L. Hoover, M. E. Hovis and T. S. Black. ALTERNATE—V. Q. Morris.

BETHEL—A. W. Biggerstaff and L. M. Hoke.

BESSEMER CITY—Rev. A. M. Ross.

CATAWBA—J. S. Bridges and Gains Wilkie.

DALLAS—Represented by letter.

GASTONIA- J. D. Moore.

HEBRON—J. R. Underwood, J. S. Underwood and W. L. O'Daniel. ALTERNATE—C. C. Clark.

HICKORY—Rev. C. S. Cashwell and Brethren J. F. Click, A. L. Ramseur and Prof. S. P. Hatton.

HICKORY GROVE—Ed Hansel, J. D. Howe, D. C. Abernethy and D. L. Abernethy. ALTERNATE—James Huffstetler.

KID'S CHAPEL—W. A. Graham, C. G. Tucker and S. A. Whitener.

LEBANON—Not represented.

LINCOLNTON—Represented by letter.

LINK'S CHAPEL—G. W. Goodson and L. A. Abernethy.

LONG CREEK—J. M. Holland and J. M. Jenkins.

LOWELL—Represented by letter.

MACEDONIA—S. J. Hawkins and Lee Perkins.

MAIDEN—Revs. J. A. Hoyle and E. S. Whisnant, and Brethren J. W. Griffin and Jacob Abernethy.

MCADENSVILLE—J. S. Fox and J. V. Fisher.

MT. GROVE—Jonas F. Abernethy and D. A. Whisnant.

MT. HOLLY—L. R. Norket. ALTERNATE—W. J. Hopkins.

MT. RUHAMA—John L. Caldwell, L. J. Caldwell, J. C. Barker, J. P. Drum and T. L. Crouse.

MT. ZION—L. S. Hager, E. V. Senter, G. W. Abernethy, Reedy Rhine. ALTERNATE—James Helderman.

NEWTON—Represented by letter.

OLIVET—J. H. Burrage, J. H. Fry, J. R. Fry and John S. Bridges.

PROVIDENCE, 1ST—Not represented.

PROVIDENCE, 2ND—Not represented.

PENELOPE—I. M. Hilderbrand, C. M. Murchison and J. R. Hosley.

RIVER VIEW—E. Huss.

SALEM—G. I. Paseur and D. L. Clanton.

SANDY PLAINS—W. E. Beatty and N. A. Jenkins. ALTERNATE—Edward Hoffman.

STARTOWN—Represented by letter.

THESSALONICA—Luther Bangle, Frank Kesler and W. P. Rhoney.

TRIANGLE—Not represented.

WARLICK'S—Not represented.

The Association then proceeded to permanently organize. Bro. C. M. Murchison moved that C. S. Cashwell cast the vote of the Association for Maj. W. A. Graham for Moderator. C. S. Cashwell voted as follows: "I hereby cast the vote of this body for W. A. Graham for Moderator."

W. A. Graham was declared elected.

Upon motion of C. S. Cashwell, C. M. Murchison was requested to cast the vote of the Association for L. A. Abernethy for Clerk. C. M. Murchison voted as follows: "I hereby cast the vote of this body for L. A. Abernethy for Clerk."

L. A. Abernethy was declared elected.

Rev. J. A. Hoyle moved that the vote of the Association be cast by J. F. Morris for J. D. Moore for Treasurer. Bro. Morris voted thus: "I hereby cast the vote of this body for J. D. Moore for Treasurer."

J. D. Moore was declared elected.

Correspondents and visitors were admitted as follows: Rev. M. P. Matheney, from the Tennessee Association; Bro. J. W. Cobb, representative of the "North Carolina Baptist"; B. M. Bridges, from the King's Mountain Association, and Rev. E. F. Tatum, from the Chechiang Association in China.

River View, a newly constituted church, made application for membership into this Association.

C. M. Murchison and C. S. Cashwell were appointed a committee to examine the "articles of faith and church covenant" to see if they were orthodox.

The Treasurer thus made his report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GASTONIA, N. C., October 19, 1897.

J. D. MOORE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
To cash received from the Finance Committee	$ 381 60	Paid J. B. Boone	$ 78 19
To cash received during the year	166 43	" D. P. Bridges	38 65
		" J. A. Hoyle	50 00
		" C. M. Murchison	50 00
		" J. D. Boushall	197 60
		" D. W. Herring	77 33
		" W. F. Marshall	20 49
		" J. R. Lewis	5 00
		" Willingham	2 88
		" Seminary	2 80
		" Balance due Treasurer, 1896	6 36
	$ 548 03		$ 529 30

Oct. 21st—To balance on hand, $18 73.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

Upon motion of Bro. J. F. Morris, a hymn was sung and Bro. E. F. Tatum spoke of the missionary work in Shanghai, China. Bro. Tatum also spoke of the difficulties of a foreign missionary. He likewise amused the Association by speaking and singing in the Chinese language.

The committees required by the Rules of Order were appointed by the Moderator, whose names will appear with their reports.

The committee appointed to examine the orthodoxy of River View Churh reported the "articles of faith and church covenant" orthodox, upon which the church was received a member into this Association.

Upon motion of Bro. Cashwell and prayer by C. M. Murchison, adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. M. P. Matheney preached at night.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises conducted by C. M. Murchison. Prayer by E. F. Tatum, J. D. Moore and J. F. Morris.

C. B. Justice, of the Green River Association, and C E. Gower, from the King's Mountain Association, were made welcome visitors.

D. M. Austin, J. F. Morris and J. A. Hoyle were designated delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

W. A. Graham was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and J. A. Hoyle alternate.

Bro. J. F. Morris moved that a committee be appointed to inquire of the churches if they were observing the temperance resolutions attached to the Rules of Order, and report the result of their inquiries at the next annual session of this Association. J. F. Morris, J. A. Hoyle and D. P Bridges were made the committee to investigate.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your committee, beg to urge the importance of the dissemination of sound and instructive literature among our people. We cannot work intelligently and successfully without harmony and unity in effort. We commend to our people the "Biblical Recorder" It is largely through the weekly visits of this paper that we are able to keep in touch with our brethren in their endeavor to bless men and glorify God. We also beg to make favorable mention of the "North Carolina

Baptist," "Charity and Children," and the "Foreign Mission Journal."

Respectfully submitted.

D. M. AUSTIN,
J. H. FRY,
L. R. NORKET, } Committee.

Remarks by J. W. Cobb, of the "North Carolina Baptist;" M. P. Matheney, of the "Southern Baptist," published at Bryson City, N. C.; E. F. Tatum, in behalf of the "Foreign Mission Journal;" C. B. Justice and C. S. Cashwell. The report was laid on the table to be taken up at the pleasure of the Association.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The time was in the history of the Baptists that the great burden of our discussions on education was the education of our ministry. This is no less important to-day, and we recommend Wake Forest College and our Seminary at Louisville to our young preachers. But we feel that the great need of our churches to-day is a better educated membership in general. We need more academies, and those we have better patronized. We have in our bounds an Academy located at Penelope, under the management of Bro. C. M. Murchison, which is characterized for its sound moral surroundings, thorough work and moderate expenses. We recommend this to our people.

D. P. BRIDGES,
A. L. RAMSEUR,
L. J. CALDWELL, } Committee.

Discussed by D. P. Bridges, M. P. Matheney, D. M. Austin, W. A. Graham and C. M. Murchison.

J. C. Caddell, representative of the "Biblical Recorder," and Archibald Johnson, of "Charity and Children," were cordially made welcome to assist in furthering the Lord's cause.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report on education continued. Remarks by Bro. Hatton. Report adopted. Bro. Ross, of King's Mountain Association, was recognized.

Report on periodicals again taken up. Commented on by J. C. Caddell and D. M. Austin. Report adopted.

The recently organized church of Bessemer City sought admission. C. M. Murchison and J. A. Hoyle were selected to examine the "articles of faith and church covenant." They reported them orthodox, and Bessemer City Baptist Church was made another light in the South Fork Association.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Twelve years ago the Baptist Orphanage was organized and located at Thomasville. Four hundred and seventy-five children have been under its care. There are present at this time 160. A new building has been completed and is now in use, which greatly adds to the efficiency of the work and gives the Orphanage capacity for 200 children. However, the first thing to be enlarged is the current fund to maintain it; so far this year the contributions have not exceeded those of last year, which will not support a larger number than we had last year.

We recommend that our churches enlarge their contributions to meet the enlarged demand. There are now more than forty applicants knocking at the doors. We also recommend that our Sunday Schools set apart one Sunday in every month to take a collection for the work.

We urge the importance of subscribing for "Charity and Children," which can be had for $1 a year, or in clubs of forty at 60 cents a year, and from ten to forty, 75 cents, payable monthly.

T. L. CROUSE, C. G. TUCKER, } Committee

The report was spoken to by A. Johnson.

Adopted.

Collection for the Orphanage, $4.32. Pledges as follows:—Bethel, $3.00; Catawba, $5.00; Dallas, $5.00; Gastonia, $50.00; Lincolnton, $24.00; McAdensville, $5.00; Penelope, $5.00; Warlick's, $5.00.

J. C. Caddell spoke in behalf of the Ministers' Relief Fund.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

We have at present about $1,300 invested from which the board receives interest. The board is constantly receiving applications to help our old ministers who have no means of support.

Let all our churches take part in this work and we shall be

enabled to discharge the duty which we so justly owe to the preachers who have been faithful, and to whose labors we owe so much of what we are and what we shall be in the years to come.

This board was organized at Goldsboro in 1890. The work has steadily grown in favor wherever it has been presented to the churches.

This year we have aided fourteen old and disabled preachers and those dependent upon them. According to the plan upon which this board was organized, only one-half of the money contributed can be expended for the needs of the board; the other half is invested, the interest only to be used.

C. M. MURCHISON,
R. F. KISTLER, } Committee.

Adopted.

Pledges to Ministers' Relief Board:—Gastonia, $5.00; Hickory, $5.00; Maiden, $2.00; McAdensville, $1.00; Lincolnton, $2.00; Hebron, $2.00; Mt. Grove, $2.00; Newton, $2.50; Olivet, $2.00; Salem, $1.00; Bethel, $1.00; Thessalonica, $1.00; Mt. Zion, $2.00.

Adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by M. P. Matheny. Preaching at night by Rev. E. F. Tatum on Missions.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Moderator called the Association to order according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by I. M. Hilderbrand. Prayer by C. B. Justice and C. E. Gower. Minutes of the previous day read and approved. Roll of delegates called and absentees stricken out.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We believe Home Missions to be an object of great importance, and therefore recommend that we, as Baptists, give it the attention equal to its demands.

E. S. WHISNANT, Committee.

This report was argued faithfully and intelligently by J. C. Caddell and E. S. Whisnant.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is

come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts i; 8.

E. F. TATUM, for Committee.

This report was considered by E. F. Tatum, who displayed a map of the world and showed by colors the portions of the earth not yet reached by the light of the Gospel. C. B. Justice also made a plea for carrying out the above report.

Adopted.

Pledges for Home and Foreign Missions:—Home Missions—Bethel, $2.00; Catawba, $4.00; Gastonia, $10.00; Hickory, $5.00; Maiden, $3.00; McAdensville, $5.00; Mt. Grove, $2.00; Newton, $2.00; Penelope, $2.00; Salem, $2.00; Startown, $1.00. Foreign Missions—Catawba, $4.00; Gastonia, $50.00; Hickory, $10.00; Lincolnton, $5.00; McAdensville, $5.00; Mt. Grove, $2.50; Newton, $2.50; Mt. Ruhama, $2.00; Salem, $2 00.

Bro. John E. White was kindly made welcome and seated in the Association.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have employed this year J. A. Hoyle, River View, Lincoln county, $25.00; D. P. Bridges, Maple Grove, Catawba county, $35.00—total, $60.00.

There was error last year in report by no debt. There was a debt of near $100. All these claims, with those of this year, have been paid.

W. A. GRAHAM,
J. D. MOORE,
G. I. PASEUR,
A W. BIGGERSTAFF,
D. A. WHISNANT,
} Committee.

D. P. Bridges, employed at Maple Grove, stated that the outlook is good and hopeful; that a house of worship is in process of erection, and that the Baptists are there to stay.

J. A. Hoyle gave an account of his work on the South Fork below Lincolnton, where a church has been organized and about $200.00 have been raised to build a house.

A collection was taken for Associational Missions amounting to $11.84. A collection was taken on Sunday for same

object, amounting to $13.44. This cleared the Association of debt.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions under the blessings of God has been a powerful factor, perhaps the most powerful, in reaching the masses in North Carolina with the Gospel and in establishing Baptist principles throughout the State.

In the last twenty years our State missionaries have preached the Gospel in over 3,000 destitute fields, and organized over 500 churches at mission points.

Under the direction of our Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, we have had this year ninety missionaries laboring in forty-five counties and occupying some 400 destitute places. God has blessed their labors. At the end of the third quarter 1,000 conversions were reported and sixty-nine new Sunday Schools organized on mission fields. Our missionaries are building twenty-seven houses of worship among these destitute people. For this progress and these signal blessings we are thankful to God.

The work now before us as churches and individuals is to pay these, our faithful brethren, the small amounts promised them and on which all the year they have depended.

We urge and recommend that every church in the South Fork Association take a collection for State Missions during the month of November.

J. A. HOYLE,
J. L. HOOVER,
JACOB ABERNETHY, } Committee.

State Missions were zealously and ably discussed by John E. White, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention. This discourse showed how destitute sections of the State had been supplied with the Gospel. W. A. Graham also spoke to the report.

Report adopted.

Pledges for State Missions:—Bethel, $5.00; Gastonia, $25.00; Hickory, $15.00; Kid's Chapel, $15.00; Lincolnton, $5.00; Maiden, $5.00; McAdensville, $10.00; Mt. Grove, $5.00; Penelope, $5.00; Catawba, $6.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We have examined the church letters sent to the Association and find the following statistics:—Churches with Sunday

Schools, 21; churches without Sunday Schools, 9; number of pupils and officers, 1,557. This is an increase over any previous year. We would be glad to see steps taken to employ a Sunday School colporter within our bounds.

Our Sunday School supply store, located at Raleigh, is prepared to furnish any and all supplies needed by our Sunday Schools. We should patronize and nourish our own institutions. An order sent the supply store helps to increase the ability of our own State work. We earnestly plead with our Sunday Schools to make their orders through this channel.

Our publishing board at Nashville, Tennessee, is an institution of which every Southern Baptist should feel proud. Only a few years old, beginning with comparatively nothing, it has grown to be a mighty power of good to the Southern Baptists. Its periodicals are not excelled by any publishing house in the world.

C. M. MURCHISON, for Committee.

Remarks by C. M. Murchison, and report adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following amounts, as per Treasurer's book, have been received for the objects named:—Minute Fund, $23.59; Associational Missions, $66.41; State Missions, $37.51; Home Missions. $27.71; Foreign Missions, $43.04; Gospel Missions, $28.57; Education, $11.30; Orphanage, $43.82; Ministers' Relief, $22.60; Colportage, $1.00. Total, $305.55.

J. F. CLICK,
JOHN L. CALDWELL, } Committee.
S. A. WHITENER,

REPORT ON PENELOPE ACADEMY.

We, the committee appointed last Association to visit the school at Penelope, report that we have visited the school during the year and find it in good condition and doing exellent work, the location healthy and inviting, the teachers able and efficient, the discipline strict but mild and religious, and the charges reasonably low. A splendid building has been erected for the accommodation of students who may wish to stay at the Academy.

During the past year eighty students have been enrolled from six different counties.

We heartily recommend the school as being worthy of your patronage and earnest support.

JOHN L. CALDWELL,
E. S. WHISNANT,
D. A. WHISNANT, } Committee.

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your committee on Place and Preacher submit the following:—Place, Penelope church, Burke county, two and a half miles west of Hickory; preacher, C. H. Durham; alternate, J. F. Morris.

J. S. BRIDGES,
D. A. WHISNANT, } Committee.

RESOLUTION OF ATTENDANCE.

RESOLVED, That each church be requested to report on the first day of the session, and that the delegates remain until the close of the session unless excused by the body; that the name of any delegate leaving without permission be stricken from the roll.

J. A. HOYLE.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the members of Kid's Chapel church and the community for their kind hospitality during this session.

J. A. HOYLE.

Bro. W A. Graham was elected a member of the State Board. Further ordered that his expenses incurred while attending the meetings of the board be paid by the Association.

Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and retain $5.00 for his services.

After singing the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation ye Saints of the Lord," and prayer by C. S. Cashwell, adjourned.

C. M. Murchison preached at night. C. B. Justice preached Sunday at 11 o'clock, text: Gal. vi; 6. Sunday evening C. S. Cashwell preached, text: John xvii.

W. A. GRAHAM, Moderator.

L. A. ABERNETHY, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its objects shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be:—Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be:—Meet at 9:30AM; adjourn at 12:30PM; meet at 1:30PM; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

RESOLVED, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors in any conceivable way; and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

RESOLVED, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POSTOFFICE.
Belmont		
Bethel	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton N. C.
Bessemer City		
Bruington	J. T. Morris	Stanley N. C.
Catawba		
Dallas	S. D. Brown	Dallas N. C.
Gastonia	J. D. Moore	Gastonia N. C.
Hebron	W. L. O'Daniel	M't'n Island N. C.
Hickory	Dr. B. F. Whitesides	Hickory N. C.
Hickory Grove	J. D. Howe	Mt. Holly N. C.
Kid's Chapel	C. G. Tucker	Kidsville N. C.
Lebanon		
Lincolnton	J. L. Wilkie	Lincolnton N. C.
Link's Chapel	G. W. Edwards	Iron Station N. C.
Long Creek		
Lowell	H. W. Earney	Lowell N. C.
Macedonia		
Maiden	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden N. C.
McAdensville	J. V. Fisher	McAdensville N. C.
Mt. Grove	Willie Whisnant	Hickory N. C.
Mt. Holly	S. L. Bollinger	Mt. Holly N. C.
Mt. Ruhama	G W. Caldwell	Loretta N. C.
Mt. Zion		
Newton	J. C. Whitesides	Newton N. C.
Olivet	J. H. Burrage	Shawnee N. C.
Providence, 1st		
Providence, 2d		
Penelope	F. A. Lock	Penelope N. C.
River View		
Salem		
Sandy Plains	J. H. Hoffman	Begonia N. C.
Startown		
Thessalonica		
Triangle		
Warlick's		

DIRECTORY, 1897.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.	SUNDAY OF PREACH'G.
Belmont *	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Lowell	W. W. McLean	Belmont	4
Bethel	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	2
Bessemer City	Gaston	A. M. Ross	King's Mountain	J. R. Asment	Bessemer City	4
Bruington	"	J. F. Morris	Stanley	J. T. Morris	Stanley	2
Catawba	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	.....
Dallas	Gaston	A. M. Ross	King's Mountain	C. S. Stowe	Dallas	4
Gastonia	"	C. H. Durham	Gastonia	J. D. Moore	Gastonia	Ev'y S.
Hebrou	"	W. J. Hopkins	Casar	J. R. Underwood	Mt. Holly	3
Hickory	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	2 & 4
Hickory Grove	Gaston	J. F. Morris	Stanley	J. D. Howe	Mt. Holly	3
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Catawba	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	1
Lebanon	Catawba	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincolnton	Lincoln	D. M. Austin	Charlotte	J. L. Wilkie	Lincolnton	3
Link's Chapel	"	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	J. C. Lineberger	Iron Station	3
Long Creek	Gaston	G. M. Webb	Shelby	A. R. Holland	Dallas	.....
Lowell	"	D. M. Austin	Charlotte	J. B. Hester	Lowell	2 & 4
Macedonia	Lincoln	W. B. McLure	Alexis	J. Mullen	Derr	3
Maiden	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	E. A. Whisnant	Maiden	1
McAdensville	Gaston	G. M. Webb	Shelby	Joseph S. Fox	McAdensville	.....
Mt. Grove	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	Edgar Abernethy	Hickory	.....
Mt. Holly	Gaston	W. J. Hopkins	Casar	S. L. Bollinger	Mt. Holly	2
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McLure	Alexis	L. J. Cadwell	Loretta	4
Mt. Zion	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	G. W. Abernethy	Alexis	3
Newton	Catawba	C. S Cashwell	Hickory	J. C. Whiteside	Hickory	.....
Olivet	"	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	J. H. Burrage	Shawnee	4
Providence, 1st	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence, 2nd*	"	C. E. Beaver	Penelope	A. D. Young	Chestnut	3
Penelope	Burke	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	John S. Hildebrand	Penelope	3
River View	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	E. C. Huss	Lincolnton	.....
Salem	"	J. A. Hoyle	"	W. L. McCoy	"	2
Sandy Plains	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Lattimore	N. A. Jenkins	Begonia	2
Startown	Catawba	C. S. Cashwell	Hickory	.....	.....	.....
Thessalonica	"	C. E. Gower	Lincolnton	W. P. Rhony	Jacob's Fork	3
Triangle	Lincoln	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warlick's *	Burke	W. B. Mull	Shoup's Ford	A. J. Cook	Penelope	1

* Last year's report.

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1897.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	ADDITIONS.				DIMINUTIONS				MEMBERSHIP			SUN. SCHOOLS			CH. PROPERTY	
		Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Officers & Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Value of Ch. Prop'ty.	Seating Capacity.
Belmont*.....	1874	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	36	69	105	....	....	....	$ 500	300
Bethel.....	1895	6	5	..	11	...	..	..	. .	21	23	44	6	56	62	500	300
Bessemer City...	1897	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	8	8	16	....	....	....	.....	.....
Bruington	1853	17	7	3	27	7	6	..	13	54	83	137	8	60	68	600	300
Catawba.....	1875	8	2	3	13	2	..	1	3	16	27	43	....	....	....	2 000	400
Dallas	1879	...	2	..	2	...	..	2	2	11	17	28	4	35	39	1 200	400
Gastonia.....	1884	7	37	3	47	7	14	..	21	53	93	146	16	222	238	2 500	500
Hebron	1883	21	1	1	23	9	1	..	10	33	45	78	8	80	88	400	400
Hickory	1870	5	9	1	15	9	5	1	15	56	75	131	13	125	138	2 500	300
Hickory Grove..	1873	12	2	2	16	7	4	1	12	57	67	124	9	60	69	1 500	400
Kid's Chapel....	1872	9	3	3	14	1	..	1	2	22	60	82	8	62	70	500	400
Lebanon	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	....	....	...	....	....	.....	.....
Lincolnton.....	1859	3	...	..	3	8	..	..	8	13	29	42	....	...	30	2 500	300
Link's Chapel...	....	...	...	..	...	4	..	..	4	31	25	56	....	....	....	100	300
Long Creek	....	...	1	..	1	10	..	1	11	45	63	108	....	....	....	1 000	600
Lowell	1892	...	8	..	8	...	..	1	1	40	63	103	6	30	36	1 000	350
Macedonia	1869	7	1	..	8	3	1	4	8	64	109	173	7	20	27	600	300
Maiden	1891	15	11	1	27	10	5	1	16	...	....	170	8	86	94	700	500
McAdensville...	1887	79	14	2	96	12	..	5	17	82	117	199	19	147	166	100	.....
Mt. Grove	1881	7	...	1	10	...	1	1	2	29	42	76	9	75	84	800	400
Mt. Holly.....	1890	16	1	1	18	6	6	..	12	43	84	127	10	125	135	1 200	400
Mt. Ruhama....	1816	8	7	..	15	6	3	..	9	73	142	215	8	52	60	400	200
Mt. Zion.....	1869	24	4	..	28	1	3	2	6	...	....	237	....	....	....	500	400
Newton	1881	...	3	..	3	...	5	1	6	6	19	25	3	30	33	1 200	300
Olivet	1833	31	2	..	33	2	2	2	6	67	93	160	7	59	66	600	400
Providence, 1st..	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	....	....	...	....	....	.....	.....
Providence, 2nd *	1878	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	....	65	....	....	....	100	100
Penelope.....	1888	2	2	..	4	3	..	..	3	20	19	39	7	75	82	350	300
River View	1897	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Salem	1854	13	2	2	17	17	..	1	18	31	78	109	....	....	....	600	300
Sandy Plains....	1863	8	...	..	8	...	..	2	3	36	48	84	....	...	20	650	400
Startown	1896	1	...	..	1	...	..	..	...	2	9	11	....	....	....	.....	.....
Thessalonica	1830	9	7	..	16	...	..	..	...	22	33	55	....	....	....	600	300
Triangle	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	....	....	...	....	....	.....	.....
Warlick's*.....	1815	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	....	150	....	....	....	1 500	500
		308	133	23	464	124	56	27	208	971	1538	2515	156	1399	1565	$26 700	10050

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TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, 1897.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Minute Fund.	Building and Repairs.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Other Objects.	Aggregate.
								Board.	Gospel.					
Belmont	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Bethel	75 00	15 20	50	.....	2 00	2 05	1 35	1 30	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	98 70
Bessemer City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brumgton	.....	16 00	1 11	.....	18 00	.....	4 00	.....	12 00	2 00	10 00	3 50	1 00	69 61
Catawba*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dallas, 6 mos	27 00	5 00	1 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	5 00	1 00	.....	64 50
Gastonia	720 00	10 22	2 00	65	16 89	54 30	8 12	55 33	9 98	3 61	36 69	7 66	26 55	1214 81
Hebron	100 00	10 00	1 00	100 00	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	3 10	2 00	30 00	256 10
Hickory	350 00	36 58	1 50	18 00	6 50	25 00	5 61	11 25	.....	7 15	63 45	6 05	217 12	914 71
Hickory Grove	.....	.....	65	.....	6 15	.....	1 27	.....	3 50	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	21 21
Kid's Chapel	.....	.....	1 25	140 00	15 05	.....	.....	.....	10 52	10 00	31 50	1 00	14 00	222 30
Lebanon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincolnton	100 00	22 34	1 00	.....	.....	7 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	26 60	.....	20 50	187 44
Link's Chapel	.....	.....	40	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	64	.....	.....
Long Creek	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 75
Lowell	125 00	12 00	1 50	.....	.....	20 00	.....	3 00	.....	25 86	11 60	2 00	.....	217 56
Macedonia	60 00	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	2 01	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	70 66
Maiden	100 00	15 00	1 15	.....	.....	5 00	1 50	5 00	.....	1 50	2 50	3 00	.....	134 60
McAdensville, 9 mos.	75 60	14 21	2 00	.....	3 00	6 00	8 00	8 00	1 25	1 00	6 85	1 00	60 00	186 91
Mt. Grove	100 00	.....	1 04	.....	2 00	4 00	1 42	4 00	.....	2 00	4 00	2 00	.....	120 46
Mt. Holly	125 00	15 00	1 10	15 00	.....	1 10	.....	19 05	.....	.....	2 25	.....	24 57	203 07
Mt. Ruhama	65 00	150 00	50	.....	1 25	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	35	1 00	.....	78 72	301 82
Mt. Zion	125 00	12 00	1 35	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 30	2 00	.....	157 65
Newton	75 00	1 97	50	1 80	.....	5 00	2 00	2 50	.....	2 00	9 00	2 13	14 92	121 11
Olivet	125 00	11 39	42	.....	1 16	6 86	3 19	2 54	.....	33	3 92	.....	.....	149 00
Providence, 1st	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence, 2nd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Penelope	50 00	.....	55	.....	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 40	1 50	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	72 45
River View	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem	.....	9 00	52	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	19 52
Sandy Plains	100 00	32 20	70	.....	2 00	5 00	2 21	3 00	.....	1 00	3 00	.....	8 70	157 81
Startown	36 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 22	.....	1 00	.....	.....	14 00	1 00	.....	54 02
Thessalonica	40 00	.....	40	.....	50	1 00	62	50	.....	25	50	25	.....	44 02
Triangle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warlick's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$2574 40	$388 11	$23 44	$340 80	$99 50	$169 53	$49 30	$149 87	$38 75	$82 05	$246 56	$37 23	$576 08	$5164 79

* Money sent up by delegates and apportioned at Association by Finance Committee.

NOTE.—The Sunday School contributions have been added to the aggregates of the different churches either by the Clerks of the churches or by the Clerk of the Association.

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FIRST.—Bessemer City, Gastonia, Dallas, Sandy Plains, Lowell, McAdensville, Belmont, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek

SECOND—Lincolnton, Salem, Link's Chapel, Mt Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Roumania, Bethel, River View, Leonard's Fork

THIRD—Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence, 1st, Providence, 2nd, Thessalonica, Mountain Grove, Penelope, Warlick's Chapel, Startown.

The Association not to meet in one section two years in succession.

Next Meeting.

Next meeting will be held with the Mt. Holly church, on the C. C. Railway, 14 miles west of Charlotte, in Gaston county, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the last Sunday in October, 1899.

PROCEEDINGS.

PENELOPE. N. C, October 20st, 1898.

The South Fork Baptist Association met with the Baptist church at Penelope, at one o'clock p m. The Moderator being absent, on motion Bro J D. Moore was called to the chair as Moderator PRO TEM. and W C Mullen, Clerk PRO TEM. Brethren D P. Bridges and John L. Caldwell were appointed Reading Clerks. The roll of churches was called, letters read, and delegates enrolled as follows:

BELMONT—J. P. Stowe and R. C Bowen.

BETHEL—A W. Bigerstaff. W. C. Mullen.

BESSEMER CITY—A. M. Ross.

BRUINGTON—S. L Smith, H. M. Wallace, J. D. Caldwell. James Loften and J. F Morris

CATAWBA—M. J. Cochrane, J. S. Bridges

DALLAS—J. R. Lewis

GASTONIA—J. D. Moore, C. H. Durham.

HEBRON—Not represented.

HICKORY—W. R. Gwaltney, R L White, B. F. Whitesides, John Whitener, S. P. Hatton.

HICKORY GROVE—J. D. Howe.

KID'S CHAPEL—W. A. Graham, S. A. Whitener, Isaac Lowe.

LEBANON—W. E. Clark.

LINCOLNTON—James Bean.
LEONARD'S FORK—W. H. Hoover, Thos G. Heffner.
LINK'S CHAPEL—Not represented.
LONG CREEK—Not represented.
LOWELL—Robert Groves.
MACEDONIA—J. F. Hawkins.
MAIDEN—J. A. Hoyle, E. S. Whistnant. C. E Beaver, Jacob Abernethy.
MCADENSVILLE—Represented only by letter.
MT. GROVE—J. W. Whisnant. C. M. Rockett.
MT. HOLLY—J. W. Handsel, John W. Abernethy.
MT ZION—E. V. Sentres. Robert Nantz. Reidy Rhyne. B Stroup.
MT. RUHAMA—John L. Caldwell. D. E. Caldwell.
NEWTON—A. M. Harrill. G. W. Cochrane.
OLIVET—J. H. Burrage. J. H. Fry. A. W. Brown. J. P. Brantly.
PROVIDENCE, 1ST—H. C Hewitt
PROVIDENCE, 2ND—James Brittian.
PENELOPE—J. W. Parrish, W. H Hildebrand. John Hildebran.
RIVER VIEW—W. J. Caldwell, W. T. McCoy.
SALEM—G. L Long.
SANDY PLAINS—J. H. Hoffman.
STARTOWN—Not represented.
THESSALONICA—W. P. Roney.
WARLICK'S CHAPEL—A. J. Cook. W. R. Jones, Laben Icard, R. L. Wagner.

The Association then proceeded to permanently organize by electing W. A. Graham. Moderator, D. P. Bridges, Clerk. and J. D Moore, Treasurer The Treasurer's report was read by J. D. Moore as follows: (See Report, page 7.)

Leonard's Fork church came with a letter of dismission from the King's Mountain Association asking admission into this body and was received and delegates enrolled. The following correspondents and visitors were recognized and welcomed by the Moderator: Rev. J. B. Boone, of Thomasville Orphanage; Rev. J. W. Cobb, of the North Carolina Baptist; Rev O L Stringfield, representing the Female University; Rev J J. Payseur, from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. Revs. W. R. Gwaltney, J. L. Vipperman, M. P. Davis, J. P. Brantley, having recently come into the Association were introduced to the body by the Moderator. The Moderator then announced the usual Committees whose reports with their names will appear later

The report on the Orphanage was made the "Special Order for Friday, 10 a m The report on Education was made the Special Order for Friday 11 a m. The delegates of Penelope church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises by the Moderator. The Association then adjourned till 7:30 tonight, with prayer by O. L. Stringfield

Night Session.

Rev C. H. Durham, of Gastonia, preached the Introductory sermon from Luke 14:23. The Association then adjourned till 9 a m, Friday.

Friday Morning.

The Association met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by J F. Morris. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The Clerk called the roll of delegates, then read proceedings of yesterday, which were approved The letter from McAdensville was read The Moderator appointed W. R Gwaltney, J L. Vipperman, J. D. Moore delegates to the State Convention. C. H. Durham was elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, and J. D. Moore, alternate. The hour for the special order having arrived, the following report on the Orphanage was read:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

There are now in the Orphanage 170 orphans, with quite a number of applications. The General Manager's residence has been completed and occupied, which releases the Infirmary for the sick for which it was designed. At present, we are glad to say, there are no sick except a few puny children that are on dictary treatment. The health of the children has been remarkably good, since the scourge of measles There are plans laid to erect a new nursery which will be done during the present Orphanage year The support of the Orphanage for current funds is about as usual

J. B. BOONE,
E S. WHISNANT, Com.
J W. HANDSEL.

The report was discussed by J. B. Boone, W. R Gwaltney and W A. Graham. Report was adopted

Rev S. J. Porter, of Morganton, Catawba River Association, was recognized and received into the Association.

A cash collection for the Orphanage was taken, amounting to $4 08.

The following report on Education was read:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We can no longer disregard the fact that education is the handmaid of Christianity Ignorance has ever been the mother of vice and superstition We urge that our people shall become more interested in the public schools and thus encourage public spirited men to use their influence to secure for our children longer terms When practicable we urge the employment of Christian men and women to teach our children We suggest the appointment of a committee of five to locate and otherwise arrange for the establishment of an Associational high school, to be managed by a Board of Trustees selected by the Association.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.—With peculiar pleasure we note that our own Wake Forest College is now enjoying the greatest success in its history It has been called by prominent men the greatest school in the world managed by Baptists. Its superior advantages are within the reach of our young men. We have an endowment fund that produces about $14,000 each year to aid in paying the aculty. We have $25,000 as a loan fund to aid poor

young men. The greatest work done by Wake Forest College since its establishment has been the education of young ministers. Indeed this is the work for which the Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830. The hundreds of young ministers who have been trained during these years attest the importance of this work.

THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.—We are now engaged in the establishment of the Baptist Female University, located in the heart of the city of Raleigh, to be to our young women what Wake Forest College is to our young men—superior advantages at a cost within the reach of our people. The principal building is nearing completion. We urge our people to put forth every possible effort to secure money with which to finish and furnish ample buildings. We mean never to stop until we secure $25,000 as a loan fund for our poor girls, and $100,000 as an endowment fund. This school will be opened next September.

C. H. DURHAM,
G. W. COCHRANE, } Com.
W. H. HOOVER,

Speeches were made by C. H. Durham, W. R. Gwaltney and O. L. Stringfield. The discussion was continued till afternoon. Rev. John E. White, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. E. F. Jones, of the Three Forks Association, were introduced to the Association. The Association adjourned till 1:30 p. m. for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by John E. White. The report on Periodicals as follows was offered:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There is no means of reaching the people to train them up to Christian activity like that of reading good books and papers. We have in our State as good a religious paper as you will find in the South. Less than one tenth of our people in North Carolina read religious papers. Nine tenths of the contributions to the objects of the Convention come from the one-tenth of our people that read our religious papers. Every Baptist in the State ought to read the Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and

Children and Foreign Mission Journal. We are glad that there is a steady increase in the circulation of our papers in the State.

J. J. PAYSEUR,
C. E. BEAVER, } Com.
B. STROUP,

The report was spoken to by J. J. Payseur, J. W. Cobb, J. C. Caddell, John E. White and others. The report was adopted.

The report on Education was taken up again and discussed by W. R. Gwaltney and S. P. Hatton. The following brethren, W. R. Gwaltney, W. A. Graham, J. P Stowe, A. J. Cook and J. D. Moore, were appointed a committee to consider plans for the establishment of an Associational school. The report on Education was adopted. State and Associational Missions were made the special order for 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday. Foreign Missions was made the special order to follow immediately after State and Associational Missions. The Association adjourned till 7 o'clock tonight, with prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

Night Session.

Rev S. J. Porter preached a very practical and powerful sermon from Exodus 4:2. Then closed with prayer by C. H. Durham, till Saturday, 9 a m

Saturday Morning.

Devotional exercises were led by J. L Vipperman The record of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved The roll of delegates was called. Section 8 of the Constitution was amended so as to read: This Association shall meet on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October in each year.

Bro. J. D. Moore read the report of the Executive Committee, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has assisted the following brethren at

the following named places and with following amounts:

D. P. Bridges, Maple Grove,	$50 00.
J. F. Morris, Wilson's Factory and Kettle Shoals	50 00.
J. A. Hoyle, River View	50 00.
A. M. Ross, Bessemer City	25 00
Total	175 00.

J. S. BRIDGES,
J. D. MOORE,
W. A. GRAHAM,
D. A WHISNANT,
J. R. UNDERWOOD,
} Committee.

The report on State Missions was read as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The history of State Missions is virtually the history of the rise and progress of North Carolina Baptists, reaching from the year 1720 to the present time.

It is a work so clearly in accordance with divine commandment, with the spirit of Jesus and with the nobler impulses of the Christian heart and life, that it needs no argument to commend it to the sympathies of the Association.

Since the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools was organized our State Missionaries have preached the Gospel on over 4 000 destitute fields, and have organized at mission points more than one-third of the whole number of Baptist churches we now have in North Carolina.

And along with this God blessed work of construction and evangelization every department of our denominational life has been stimulated—Education, the Orphanage, Home Missions and Foreign Missions—have felt and continue to feel the effect of State Missions on them in endowments, patronage, support and sympathy and an enlarged beneficence at the hands of our people.

Your Committee is glad to report that the Baptists of North Carolina have a larger force of missionaries in the field this year than ever before in our history. One hundred and three regular missionaries are at work preaching the Gospel to three hundred and fifty eight destitute points. The cause is being pressed by these faithful workers in fifty-six counties in North Carolina.

The reports from their fields as they have come in indicate encouragement and even enthusiasm. God is blessing the Word in their hands. We may depend upon it His grace will be poured out upon their labors. Ours is

the duty of prayer and sympathy. It is the battle of our Christ which they are waging, the battle of our cause and our priceless principles We should feel honored of God that we are co-laborers with Him in the great work of bringing North Carolina to own and honor our Master. The burden, if it is reckoned a burden, the responsiblility, is on us to support this work and these workers.

We have planned and arranged the work this year on a $15.000 basis. All the year the missionairies have been at work hopefully relying upon our faithfulness in paying the small amounts promised

As yet only a small proportion of the amount needed has been raised. The day now is on us when we must do something.

We recommend to every pastor that he urge his churches to make an offering for State Missions by December 1st.

J F. MORRIS,
T. H. HOFFMAN,
J. L. VIPPERMAN, } Com.

These reports were discussed by W. R. Gwaltney, E. F. Jones, John E. White and W. A. Graham. A collection for State Missions was taken amounting to $7.60 A resolution recommending the appointment of an auxiliary committee of one in each church was read and adopted. The auxiliary committee will appear in directory. It shall collect the funds for State and Associational Missi ns. A collection was taken amounting to $18 75 for the house of worship at Penelope. The reports on State and Associational Missions were adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and laid over till afternoon. The Committee on place and preacher reported the following:

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

Place—Mt. Holly church, Gaston county.

Preacher—W. R. Gwaltney; Alternate, J. L. Vipperman.

A. W. BIGERSTAFF,
G. W. COCHRANE,
B. STROUP, } Committee.

The report on Home Missions was read and laid over till afternoon. The following brethren were appointed Executive Committee for the next year: J. S. Bridges. J.

D. Moore, W. A. Graham, D. A. Whisnant and J R Underwood. Association adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met according to adjournment. J J. Payseur opened with prayer. The report on Foreign Missions was called up and re-read as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations." was the marching orders given by our Master, when he left his disciples. This was a great work for a small band of unlettered men to undertake; but Jesus promised to be with them even to the end of the world. God's people have done great things for him in this work. The gospel seed have been sown and much fruit has been harvested for the Master. New fields have been opened and men and women are waiting to go as soon as the means can be raised to send them. Men are dying at the rate of forty millions a year and going into the presence of God. Brethren, let us give them the gospel.

J. A. HOYLE.
A. J. COOK, } Committee.
W. C. MULLEN,

The report was discussed by E. F. Jones, M. P. Davis, J J Payseur, W. A Graham and W. R. Gwaltney.

The report was adopted.

The report on Home Missions was taken up.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

During last year 467 missionaries labored under this Board. They supplied 1,960 churches and stations. They made 59,841 religious visits. They added to the churches by baptism 4,739 persons, and by letter 4,770. They organized 103 churches, built 45 houses of worship; $59,969 were expended on houses of worship. They organized 297 Sunday Schools, into which came 7,710 pupils. There are five divisions of this work carried on by the Board, viz: The Foreign population, the Indians, the Colored people, Cuba and the mountain regions of Georgia, North Carolina and Kentucky. This Board has worked in many of our large cities. In our State, New Berne, Goldsboro, Raleigh and Charlotte have been aided. Western North Carolina is today receiving aid from this Board. For many years to come much of the destitution in our South-

land must look to this Board. This work must be enlarged.

W. R. GWALTNEY,
J. D. HOWE,
A. M. ROSS,
} Committee.

The report was discussed by John E. White, E. F. Jones and W. R. Gwaltney. Report was adopted. The Committee on Finance reported the following:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTE

We have received for Associational missions $38.35, State missions $46 55, Home missions $35.47, Foreign missions, Board $20, Gospel missions $14.50, Minutes $23.46, Education $5 90, Minister's Relief $13, Orphanage $44 13. Total $244.32.

M J COCHRANE,
J. H HUFFMAN,
J. P STOWE,
} Committee.

Report was adopted. W. R. Gwaltney, C. H. Durham and J. F. Morris were appointed a committee on ministerial students. The Clerk was ordered to have minutes printed and distributed, retaining the usual amount for his services The following resolution of thanks was read by C. H Durham and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to this church and community for the kind hospitality it has been its good fortune to enjoy during its present session.

The old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung. W. R Gwaltney prayed and the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Holly church on Thursday before the last Sunday in October, 1899.

Directory, 1898.

CHURCHES	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.	SUNDAY OF PREACHING
Belmont	Gaston	D M Austin	Charlotte	W W McLean	Belmont	4
Bethel	Lincoln	J A Hoyle	Maiden	W C Mullen	Lincolnton	2
Bessemer City	Gaston	A M Ross	King's Mt'n.	J C Odell	Bessemer City	4
Bruington	"	J F Morris	Stanly	J T Morris	Stanly	2
Catawba	Catawba	J. L. Vipperman	Newton	M J Cochrane	Catawba	1
Dallas	Gaston	"	"	C S Stowe	Dallas	4
Gastonia	"	H Durham	Gastonia	J D Moore	Gastonia	Ev'y S.
Hebron	"	W J Hopkins	Casar	J R Underwood	Mt. Holly	3
Hickory	Catawba	W R Gwaltney	Hickory	W F Jones	Hickory	Ev'y S.
Hickory Grove	Gaston	J F Morris	Stanly	J D Howe	Mt. Holly	3
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln	D P Bridges	Catawba	W A Graham	Machpelah	1
Lebanon	Catawba	C E Beaver	Maiden	E Litton	Chronicle	3
Lincolnton	Lincoln	D M Austin	Charlotte	J L Wilkie	Lincolnton	3
Link's Chapel	"	J P Brantly		J C Lineberger	Iron Station	3
Long Creek	Gaston	J M Webb	Shelby	A R Holland	Dallas	.....
Leonard's Fork	Gaston	D M Austin	Charlotte	J B Hester	Lowell	2&3
Lowell	Lincoln	W B McLure	Alexis	J Mullen	Derr	3
Macedonia	Catawba	J A Hoyle	Maiden	E S Whisnant	Maiden	1
Maiden	Gaston	G M Webb	Shelby	J S Fox	McAdensville	3
McAdensville	Catawba	J L Vipperman	Newton	J W Whisnant	Hickory	3
Mt. Grove	Gaston	W J Hopkins	Casar	A M Brown	Mt. Holly	2
Mt. Holly	Catawba	W B McLure	Alexis	L J Caldwell	Loretta	4
Mt. Runama	Gaston	J A Hyle	Maiden	L S Hager	Alexis	3
Mt. Zion	Lincoln	"	"	W H Hoover	Crouse	.....
Newton	Catawba	J L Vipperman	Newton	P M Mull	Newton	4
Olivet	"	J A Hoyle	Maiden	W W Ervin	Shawnee	2
Providence, 1st	"	C E Beaver	"	M A Wilkie	Catawba	4
Providence, 2nd	"	"	"	A D Young	Chestnut	3
Penelope	Burke	D P Bridges	Catawba	Jno. Hildebrand	Penelope	4
River View	Lincoln	J A Hoyle	Maiden	E C Huss	Lincolnton	.....
Salem	"	C E Beaver	"	W T McCoy	"	2
Sandy Plains	Gaston	B M Bridges	Lattimore's	N A Jenkins	Begonia	2
Startown	Catawba	J L Vipperman	Newton	.....	.....	4
Thessalonica	"	C E Beaver	Maiden	W P Raney	Jacob's Fork	3
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	C M Murchison	Penelope	A J Cook	Penelope	1

Statistical Table, 1898

CHURCHES.	Constituted	ADDITIONS: Baptized	Letter	Restored	Total	DIMUNITION: Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	MEMBERSHIP: Males	Females	Total	SUNDAY SCHOOL: Officers & Teachers	Pupils	Total	CH. PROPERTY: Value of Ch prop'ty	Seating Capacity
Belmont	1874	5	...	....	5	1	..	1	2	39	72	111	5	25	30	$ 500	300
Bethel	1895	...	1	...	1	2	2	..	4	25	27	52	....	....	....	500	300
Bessemer City	1897	7	11	1	19	7	..	..	7	17	21	38	....	....	....	.....	.....
Bruington	1853	1	6	3	10	2	5	3	10	49	89	138	8	80	88	600	300
Catawba	1875	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	2000	400
Dallas	1879	....	3	....	3	1	..	4	5	10	13	23	5	35	40	1200	400
Gastonia	1884	38	35	1	74	26	10	2	38	71	111	182	16	398	414	2500	500
Hebron	1883	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	400	400
Hickory	1870	12	9	1	22	7	3	1	11	57	85	142	19	135	154	2500	300
Hickory Grove	1873	7	5	2	14	5	2	2	9	62	67	129	9	68	77	1500	400
Kid's Chapel	1872	10	15	6	31	3	..	1	4	33	75	108	5	68	73	500	400
Lebanon	....	7	....	....	7	..	..	..	..	8	26	34	....	....	....	.....	.....
Lincolnton	1859	...	1	....	1	4	..	..	4	9	28	37	5	30	35	2500	300
Link's Chapel*	....	....	....	....	....	4	..	..	4	31	25	56	....	....	....	100	300
Long Creek*	....	....	1	....	1	10	5	1	11	45	63	108	....	....	....	1000	600
Lowell	1792	9	10	....	19	2	..	2	4	49	71	120	6	30	36	1000	350
Macedonia	1769	8	4	....	12	5	2	2	9	64	112	176	5	19	24	600	300
Maiden	1891	1	7	....	8	14	..	..	14	.....	.....	163	9	113	122	700	500
McAdensville	1887	39	6	3	48	18	10	2	30	.....	.....	217	16	110	126	105	.....
Mt. Grove	1881	10	3	....	13	4	..	1	5	34	57	91	5	40	45	800	400
Mt. Holly	1890	36	8	4	48	6	6	2	14	....	....	164	10	65	75	1200	400
Mt Ruhama	1816	6	1	1	8	1	1	..	2	76	142	218	7	67	74	400	200
Mt. Zion	1869	17	3	1	21	2	1	1	4	.....	.....	257	.....	.....	....	500	400
Newton	1881	....	13	....	13	1	..	1	2	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	....	1200	300
Olivet	1833	8	3	....	11	4	2	1	7	66	87	153	7	51	58	600	400
Providence 1st	....	5	....	....	5	1	....	....	1	4	21	25	.....	.....	....	100	200
Providence 2nd*	1878	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	....	300	250
Penelope	1888	2	3	....	5	..	4	..	4	19	20	39	5	50	55	500	350
River View	1897	3	19	....	22	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	45	10	45	55	.....	.....
Salem	1854	15	....	....	15	9	..	1	10	31	83	114	....	....	....	600	300
Sandy Plains	1833	15	6	....	21	1	..	3	4	42	69	111	.....	.....	....	650	400
Startown*	1896	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Thessalonica	1833	3	1	....	4	2	1	..	3	27	30	57	.....	.....	....	600	500
Warlick's Chapel	1815	6	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	156	.....	.....	....	1500	500
Leonard's Fork	....	3	....	....	3	1	....	....	1	16	42	58	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
TOTALS.		272	173	23	468	12	49	30	208	884	1446	3413	152	1429	1581	$ 27,150	10650

*Last year's report

Table of Contributions, 1898.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Minute Fund	Building and Repairs	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	FOREIGN MISSIONS. Board	FOREIGN MISSIONS. Gospel	Education	Orphanage	Ministers' Relief	Other Objects	Aggregate
Belmont	$137.50	$ 9 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$146 50
Bethel	75.00	8 95	55								3 00			85 50
Bessemer City	40.00	2 40	65			5 00								48 05
Bruington		11 00	65		25 00	1 58			5 00		3 00	2 00		48 18
Catawba	75.00	13 00			5 00	5 00				3 35				101 35
Dallas	47.10		1 00		4 25	6 78	5 00	10 00			8 11	15 22		103 46
Gastonia	720.00	115 00	2 00	194 20	25 06		35 00	21 00	100 18	5 75				1218 17
Hebron														
Hickory	600 00	35 00	1 25	24 25	5 00	29 00	5 00	10 00		5 00	43 50	5 00		763 00
Hickory Grove		9 27	20		4 00	1 39			4 00		2 00	1 00		21 36
Kid's Chapel		6 50	1 00		15 76				11 25		14 00	1 33		49 84
Leonard's Fork			50											50
Lebanon			20			2 00					60			2 80
Lincolnton	100 00	13 86	75			7 25	5 00	4 00			31 56			162 42
Link's Chapel*														
Long Creek*														
Lowell	125.00	15 00	1 35			10 00	3 00	3 00						157 35
Macedonia	75.00	6 30	50			1 00	1 26	1 00			1 00			86 06
Maiden	100.00	11 50	1 25	106 00	5 00	3 15	1 35	3 79			1 91	1 00		234 95
McAdensville	100.00	21 36	1 25			21 00	10 00	10 00		1 00				164 61
Mt. Grove	100.00	1 00	41		2 70	2 00	2 00	3 00			6 50			117 61
Mt. Holly	105.35	88 92	1 00						10 00					205 27
Mt Ruhama	60.00	22 10	1 20			1 00	2 00	1 00		1 50	2 00	50		91 50
Mt. Zion	125.00	27 00	1 52		2 00	4 00	2 00	4 00			1 40	2 00		168 92
Newton	75.00	11 70	65		4 00	4 00	2 00	26		1 00	14 70	2 50	16 00	131 81
Olivet	125.00		80		1 00	2 20	3 65	5 00			1 00	2 00		140 65
Providence 1st	25.00	2 75	50	25		1 00		1 00		1 00	1 00			32 50
Providence 2nd*			75		65						50			1 80
Penelope	50.00		50	200 00		1 50	1 00	2 00		1 00	1 50			257 50
River View				450 00	2 80								13 00	465 80
Salem			63		2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00			3 00	1 00		12 63
Sandy Plains	100.00	53 00	60		2 00	4 27	2 22	3 00		1 00	3 00			149 09
Startown*	25.00						1 00	1 00						27 00
Thessalonica			40		40	1 00		1 00		40	1 00		2 00	6 20
Warlick's Chapel														
TOTALS,	2984.95	489 61	21 06	974 70	106 62	116 12	83 48	86 05	130 43	21 00	154 28	33 55	31 00	562368

Sunday School Directory.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE.
Belmont	R M Gaston	Belmont
Bethel	W C Mullen	Lincolnton
Bessemer City		
Bruington	J T Morris	Stanly
Catawba		
Dallas	S D Brown	Dallas
Gastonia	L L Jenkins	Gastonia
Hebron	W L O Daniel	Mt. Island
Hickory	B F Whiteside	Hickory
Hickory Grove	J D Howe	Mt. Holly
Kid's Chapel	C G Tucker	Kidsville
Lebanon		
Lincolnton	J L Wilkie	Lincolnton
Link's Chapel	G W Edwards	Iron Station
Long Creek		
Leonard's Fork	W H Hoover	Crouse
Lowell	H W Earney	Lowell
Macedonia	T J Saunders	Chronicle
Maiden	E S Whisnant	Maiden
McAdensville	S L Bollinger	McAdensville
Mt. Groye	J W Whisnant	Hickory
Mt. Holly	A L D Rugugomer	Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	D E Caldwell	Loretta
Mt. Zion		
Newton	G W Cochrane	Newton
Olivet	J H Burrage	Shawnee
Providence, 1st		
Providence, 2nd		
Penelope	M P Davis	Penelope
River View	W T McCoy	Lincolnton
Salem		
Sandy Plains		
Startown		
Thessalonica		
Warlick's Chapel		

Pledges For Orphanage, 1899.

AM'TS	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE, NAMES OF COMMITTEE'S.
$ 3	J P Stowe
5	Mrs J V Blackburn
	A M Ross
5	J T Morris
5	Mrs D P Bridges
10	J R Lewis
100	J A B L Hurby
	J R Underwood
50	Mrs W F Jones
5	Laban Abernethy
14	Isaac Lowe
1	E Litton
	J T McCon
	G W Goodson
	A R Holland
10	Miss Ola Houser
	M Paggett
	Epel Burke
5	John Whistnant
5	J S Fox
5	D A Robinson
	Jas Bumgarner
2	D E Caldwell
2	Rudy Rhyne
10	A M Harrel
	J H Fry
1	H C Hewitt
	Jas Brittian
5	John Hosley
3	W J Caldwell
2	W T McCoy
2	W E Beaty
2	Mrs Whitener
1	G W Yount
5	W R Jones

CONSTITUTION.

1 This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the churches to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every 25 members in excess of 50, provided no church have more than five

4. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association

6 This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association

7 That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business

3 The Committees of this Association shall be: Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, and such Special Committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be: Meet at 9:30 a.m., adjourn at 12:30 p.m.; meet at 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accord-

ance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes

Resolved, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors in any conceivable way; and if, being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

Resolved, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gastonia, N. C., Oct 20, 1898

J. D. Moore, Treas, in acc't with S. Fork Baptist Ass'n.

—DR.—		—CR.—	
To Bal. on hand	$ 18 73	By Cash paid	
To Cash from Finance Com. at Asso.	331 08	J. A Hoyle	$ 56 00
To Cash rec'd during present year		A. Johnston	43 82
For A. & S. Miss.		C. S. Cashwell	6 51
Dallas church	2 00	J. D. Bonshall	105 24
Gastonia "	25 06	D. W. Herring	28 57
For Home Miss.		Minutes	16 00
Dallas church	5 00	L A. Abernethy	6 00
Thessilonica	1 25	D. P. Bridges	66 35
Gastonia	35 67	J. D. Bonshall	8 22
For Foreign Miss		J. B. Boone	4 71
Gastonia ch'rch		J. D Moore	5 49
Gospel plan	100 18	Willingham	21 00
Board	21 00	D. P, Bridges	25 00
For Orphanage		J. B. Boone	125 05
Dallas church	13 11	D. W. Herring	100 18
Gastonia "	120 05	J. D. Bonshall	37 14
For Aged Minstrs		Ivy Allen, Treas	5 00
Gastonia c'h	15 22	J. M. Brown	20 00
Belmont "	50		
	688 85		680 28

Oct. 20, 1898, to Bal. on hand 8 57

J. D. MOORE, Treasurer.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. P. BRIDGES.....Lincolnton, N, C.
J. A. HOYLE.....Maiden, N. C.
E. S. WHISNANT.....Maiden, N. C.
W. B. MCLURE.....Alexis, N. C.
C. E. BEAVER.....Maiden, N. C.
C. M. MURCHISON.....Penelope, N. C.
J. L. VIPPERMAN.....Newton, N. C.
W. F. WATSON.....Gastonia, N. C.
J. P. BRANTLY.....Dooly, N. C.
I M. HILDERBRAN.....Penelope, N. C.
J. W. GRIFFIN.....Maiden, N. C.
C. E. WOODRUFF.....

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. S. BRIDGES, MAJ. W. A. GRAHAM, J. D. MOORE,
J. R. UNDERWOOD, A. W. BIGGERSTAFF.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS.

FIRST—Bessemer City, Belmont, Dallas, Gastonia, McAdensville, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Lowell, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek, Sandy Plains.

SECOND—Lincolnton, Salem, Link's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Ruhama, Bethel, River Riew, Leonard's Fork.

THIRD—Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence 1st, Providence 2nd, Thesalonica, Zion Hill, Mt. Grove, Penelope, Warlick's Chapel, Startown.

The association not to meet in one section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

MT. HOLLY, N. C., Thursday, October 26th, 1899.

The South Fork Association met with the Mt. Holly Baptist Church at 11 o'clock, A. M., according to adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached by W. R. Gwaltney from Judges v; 23. The body then adjourned till 2PM.

THURSDAY, 2PM.

The moderator called the body to order. Prayer was offered by J. A. Hoyle. Brethren C. M. Murchison and S. P. Hatton were appointed reading clerks. The letters from the different churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:—

BELMONT—J. P. Stowe, A. A. Leeper, J. Abee.

BETHEL—A. W. Biggerstaff, J. V. Blackburn, W. C. Mullen.

BESSEMER CITY—J. W. Williams, A. M. Ross.

BRUINGTON—J. T. Morris, H. M. Wallace, S. L. Smith, Monroe Dellinger, A. Hovis.

CATAWBA—J. S. Bridges.

DALLAS—A. R. Holland, C. S. Stowe, R. S. Lewis.

GASTONIA—J. D. Moore, A. A. Wagstaff, W. F. Watson, L. L. Jenkins.

HEBRON—J. R. Underwood, J. T. Thomas.

HICKORY—W. R. Gwaltney, J. F. Click, S. P. Hatton.

HICKORY GROVE—M. A. Balden, Sidney Smith, John Abernathy, S. A. Jenkins.

KID'S CHAPEL—W. A. Graham, S. A. Whitener, G. W. McAlister, W. S. Kids.

LEONARD'S FORK—J. W. Hoover, D. F. Hoover.

LEBANON—Represented by letter only.

LINCOLNTON—D. P. Bridges, J. L. Wilkie.

LINK'S CHAPEL—By letter only.

LONG CREEK—A. Jenkins.

LOWELL—A. P. Earney, D. W. Padgett, R. S. Groves.

MACEDONIA—J. F. Hawkins.

MAIDEN—J. A. Hoyle, C. E. Beaver, E. S. Whisnant, D. A. Finger, H. A. Lineberger.

MCADENSVILLE—J. S. Fox, J. B. Bethun, J. W. Cashion, J. M. Walker, J. Kendrick.

MT. GROVE—J. W. Whisnant, J. B. Bocket, J. L. Ballard.

MT. HOLLY—C. H. Harris, J. W Handsell, A. L. Bumgarner, W. Hartgrove, J. W. Bumgarner.

MT. RUHAMA—J. P. Drum, J. C. Barker, T. L. Crouse.

MT. ZION—W. A. Caldwell, E. V. Senter, Lee Hoover, C. F. Abernathy.

NEWTON—D. R. Cates, J. L. Vipperman.

OLIVET—J. H. Fry, T. Bradburn, I. A. Litton. J. L. Eads, F. E. Kale.

PROVIDENCE, 1ST—By letter only.

PROVIDENCE, 2ND—Not represented.

PENELOPE—C. M. Murchison, J. S. Hilderbran, I. M. Hilderbran.

RIVER VIEW—W. J. Caldwell.

SALEM—C. H. Huggins.

SANDY PLAINS—W. E. Beatty.

STARTOWN—By letter only.

THESSALONICA—W. P. Roney, W. A. Chattman.

WARLICK'S CHAPEL—A. J. Cook.

ZION HILL—R. A. Kestler, R. A. Bangle.

The association then proceeded to organize by electing W. A. Graham moderator, D. P. Bridges clerk, and J. D. Moore treasurer.

Zion Hill Church applied for membership in the body,

being a new church. W. R. Gwaltney, J. A. Hoyle and S. P. Hatton were appointed a committee to examine the articles of faith. They reported them sound and the church was received.

The following brethren were welcomed as correspondents and vistors: E. A. Poe, Catawba River Association; M. P. Matheny, Buncombe; S. F. Conrad, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus; J. W. Cobb, of the N. C. Baptist; A. M. Ross and B. L. Hoke, King's Mountain; J. Pruett, Catawba River; C. S. Cashwell, King's Mountain.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following report of the treasurer was read and adopted:—

DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
To balance from 1897....	$8.57	Paid J. A. Hoyle.....	$50.00
To cash Finance Committee	244 36	" D. P. Bridges.....	9.25
To collection.....	7.60	" D. W. Herring.....	14.50
		" J. D. Boushall.....	86.87
		" J. B. Boone.....	44.13
		" J. F. Morris	23.25
		" Times-Mercury	16.00
		By balance.....	16.53
	$260.53		$260.53
To balance from 1898....	16.53	Paid J. A. Hoyle.....	$49.35
Dallas Church, Asso. Mis.	16.94	" D. P. Bridges.....	52.87
orphanage..	10.50	" J. F. Morris	25.00
Home Mis..	1.30	" J. P. Brantley	15.00
minute fund	1.00	" C. E. Beaver.....	15.00
Maiden Church, Asso....	9.00	" J. B. Boone.....	8.00
Gastonia Church, Asso..	67.85		
Gastonia, minute fund...	2.00		
Startown, Asso. Mis....	4.00		
Belmont, Asso. Mis.....	4.15		
Mt, Zion, Asso. Mis.....	5.45		
Penelope, Asso. Mis.....	2.10		
Olivet, Asso, Mis.....	5.00		
McAden Mis. Asso.....	10.75		
Bethel Mis. Asso.....	12.51		
Lincolnton Mis. Asso....	2.63		
Kids' Chapel Mis. Asso..	5.66		
River View Mis. Asso...	4.00	By balance.....	16.60
	$181.82		$181.82
To balance on hand.....	$16.60		

Paid J. A. Hoyle.....	$49.35	Promised	$55.00
" D. P. Bridges	52.87	"	55.00
" J. F. Morris.....	25.00	"	50.00
" C. E. Beaver.....	15.00	"	25.00
" J. P. Brantley.....	15.00	"	25 00
	$157.22		$210.00
		Balance due	$52.78

Respectfully submitted.

J D. MOORE.

The usual committees were announced by the moderator, whose names will appear with their reports. The delegates of Mt. Holly church were appointed a committee on religious exercises during the sitting of association. The association decided to meet at 9.30AM; adjourn at 12.30PM; meet at 2PM; adjourn at will.

State and Associational missions were made special order for Friday afternoon.

The body decided by a rising vote to pay to the family of Bro. J. F. Morris the full amount appropriated to him for this year and that the collection Sunday be given to same family also.

The body adjourned with prayer by C. M. Murchison.

THURSDAY, 8PM.

J. L. Vipperman preached. Then the meeting closed with prayer by W. F. Watson.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9.30AM.

Devotion was led by A. M. Ross. The moderator called the body to order. The roll of delegates was called. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Other delegates who had come in were enrolled.

W. F. Watson, J. L. Vipperman and C. M. Murchison were appointed delegates to the State Convention.

W. R. Gwaltney was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and J. A. Hoyle alternate.

J. G. Pulliam was received as visitor from Caldwell Association.

W. F. Watson was elected member of the State Board

from this Association.

The report on Minister's Relief was read and discussed by E. A. Poe and W. A. Graham:

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF.

Your committee recommends that the churches take at least one collection a year for this object. We ought to help the worn out preachers and their widows for what they have done for the Lord's cause.

E. A. Poe,
E. V. Senters, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

The report of the executive committee was read as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The executive committee of the South Fork Association beg leave to submit their annual report:—

During the year we have supplied Sunday afternoon services once a month at the following places:—

By Rev. J. F. Morris, at Wilson's Mill (salary)	$25.00
By Rev. J. F. Morris, Rutledge School House (salary)	25.00
By Rev. D. P. Bridges, Maple Grove (on building)	30.00
By Rev. D. P. Bridges, Penelope (salary)	25.00
By Rev. J. A. Hoyle, River View (salary)	30.00
By Rev. J. A. Hoyle, Crouse Station (salary)	25.00
By Rev. C. E. Beaver, Little Mountain (salary)	25.00
By Rev. C. E. Beaver, extra labor at different points	25.00
By Rev. J. A. Hoyle, at Bethel (salary)	20.00
By Rev. J. P. Brantly, Link's Chapel (salary)	25.00
Total	$255.00

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. Bridges, Chairman.
W. A. Graham.
J. R. Underwood.
A. W. Biggerstaff.
J. D. Moore. } Committee.

The report was laid on the table to come up with State Missions.

The report on Periodicals was read and discussed by S. F. Conrad, W. R. Gwaltney, J. W. Cobb and W. F. Watson:—

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe that the counsel of Paul to Timothy, "give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine," has its highest possible meaning upon us as a people of God to day. To do duty we must know duty—hence the absolute necessity of acquiring knowledge by means of reading, For well do the Scriptures say, be "ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." We heartily commend the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and the Baptist Worker.

H. M. WALLACE.
J L VIPPERMAN. } Committee.
A. A. WAGSTAFF.

The report was adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and speeches were made by B. L. Hoke, J. G Pulliam, J. D. Moore, W. A. Graham and C. S. Cashwell:—

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To teach the Word of God is among the first and most important duties of New Testament churches. To study the Word of God, both at home and in the churches, is of the utmost importance to every church member. The chief object of Sunday School work is to accomplish these two things. Every pastor and each church member ought earnestly to labor to have every family connected with the church, represented in the Sunday School and, at the same time, striving to reach every family in the community not already in some Sunday School. We are glad to note progress in this good work in our churches.

J. T. MORRIS,
D. A. FINGER, } Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools was adopted. The body then adjourned with prayer by C. M. Murchison.

FRIDAY, 2PM.

The moderator called the body to order and M. P. Matheny offered prayer.

W. M. Liles, from the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, was received into the body as a correspondent.

The report on State Missions was read and the report of the Executive Committee was taken up and discussed with State missions by W. R. Gwaltney, J. D. Moore, W. A. Graham, C. S. Cashwell, and others.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions underlie all our other work. They have aided in starting and strengthening our cause in nearly every town and community in the State. Our strongest and most liberal churches were helped in their beginning by the Board of State Missions. We are largely indebted to this board for our colleges, denominational schools, and orphanage. Our State and Associational Missions are organizing from 35 to 40 churches every year. These churches of the living God will stand through centuries holding forth the Word of Life, edifying the saints, saving the lost around them; sending the Gospel to the regions beyond. Our convention now covers the entire State, and our missionaries are at work beyond the Blue Ridge, laboring manfully for the uplifting and development of the churches which are sufficiently numerous to cover that whole section. In the whole State there are one hundred missionaries to whose support $20.000 was appropriated.

W. R. GWALTNEY, }
M. D. DELLINGER, } Committee.

The roll of churches was called and the Auxiliary Committee was appointed, whose names appear in the directory. The report was laid on the table till to-morrow.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Finance Committee reported as follows: We have received from the churches the following:—

For Minutes	$22.55
Associational Missions	78.91
State Missions	57.45

Home Missions	29.61
Foreign Missions, Gospel	12.58
" " Board	28.82
Education	5.86
Orphanage	51.10
Ministers' Relief	10.85
Colportage	.50
Total	$298.13

J. F. CLICK,
A. J. COOK,
A. W. BIGGERSTAFF, } Committee.

The report was adopted. The old Executive Committee was reappointed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

The report of the committee on Place and Preacher was read, as follows:—

Your committee recommends Bethel church, two miles north-east of Lincolnton, as the place for the next meeting, and W. F. Watson to preach the introductory sermon and B. L. Hoke alternate.

J. S. FOX,
I. M. HILDERBRAN,
W. E. BEATTY, } Committee.

The report was adopted. The body then adjourned with prayer by A. M. Ross.

FRIDAY, 8PM.

M. P. Matheny preached. Then closed with prayer by C. M. Murchison.

SATURDAY 9:30AM.

Devotion was led by B. L. Hoke. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted. Dr. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest; John E. White, corresponding secretary of State Mission Board, and J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder, were welcomed into the body as visitors.

The report on State Missions was taken up again and discussed by John E. White. A cash collection for State Mis-

sions was taken amounting to $26.

The reports on State and Associational Missions were adopted. The report on Education was made the special order for afternoon,

The report on Obituaries was read and will be found in appendix.

The report was discussed by W. A. Graham, C. M. Murchison, C. E. Taylor and others. The report was adopted. The association sang "Asleep in Jesus."

It was ordered that Home and Foreign Missions be placed for to-night at 7 o'clock.

The body then adjourned with prayer by J. C Caddell.

SATURDAY, 2PM.

The association was opened with prayer by J. D. Moore.

The report on Education was read and spoken to by Dr. C. E. Taylor, W. F. Watson, W. R. Gwaltney and others. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It has long since been decided by the friends of Christian education that the only place to obtain liberal culture, that magnifies the Great Teacher and his precepts, is in distinctively Christian institutions.

Your committee would recommend that this association reaffirm its unquestioned loyalty to the voluntary principle in higher education as set forth and advocated by the leaders of our distinctively Christian institutions.

Your committee would also call attention to the great importance of Baptists patronizing Baptist schools. If our churches are to be strengthened and benefitted by the superior training of our boys and girls, it must be under the immediate and direct supervision of men and women in thorough accord and full sympathy with our church life and distinctive principles as Baptists.

In this connection we would call special attention to Wake Forest College, the best institution for the education of our Baptist boys in all this Southland of ours.

Wake Forest, with its splendid faculty of consecrated men and magnificent equipment for educational work, is thor-

oughly furnished for the great work of dispensing to all who seek it Christian education of a very high order.

The Baptist Female University, the last child to be born into our denominational family, opened wide her doors for the reception of students September 27th, and has had a beginning unprecedented in the history of educational institutions in North Carolina.

With a faculty of 17 members, representing the best teaching talent in the land, and a building unsurpassed in its appointments and adaptability to school purposes among Baptists in all the South, removes the last vestige of excuse for Baptist parents patronizing other than Baptist schools.

Your committee can't too greatly emphasize the importance of our Baptist people standing loyally by these institutions.

W. F. WATSON,
J. S. FOX,
J. P. DRUM,
} Committee.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The report on the Orphanage was as follows: Your committee would make the following suggestions

I. That every Sunday School in the association make a monthly contribution to our orphanage.

II. That every Sunday School try to get a good club of subscribers for Charity and Children among the pupils.

III. That each church secure through a committee a contribution from each member for the orphanage.

IV. That every church have a thanksgiving service and take a collection for the orphanage.

C. S. CASHWELL,
A. P. EARNEY,
C. H. HUGGINS,
} Committee.

The report was discussed by J. C. Caddell and W. R. Gwaltney. It was then adopted.

It was ordered that the clerk have minutes printed and distributed and that he have $5.00 for his services.

The association then adjourned with prayer by John E. White.

SATURDAY, 7PM.

The association was led in prayer by A. M. Ross. The moderator called the body to order and A. M. Ross read the report on Foreign Missions, as follows:—

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

One by one the barriers have been removed, and our missionaries have gone with the glad tidings of salvation into Africa, Japan, Italy, China, Brazil, Mexico, and into every field of importance on the earth. But few of us have a correct idea of the magnitude of the above fields. We, therefore, urge the prayerful study of these great fields that are already white unto the harvest. Every Christian ought to read the Foreign Mission Journal and study carefully the geography and population of these benighted lands. Special effort ought to be made by the pastor, the Missionary Society and the Sunday School to interest and inform the people, that they may see and realize the responsibility and magnitude of the work which they are called to do. Truly, the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Ought we not, therefore, be ready and willing to obey the voice of our Master when He calls us to bear the grandest message that ever greeted the ears of mortal man? In Mark xvi; 16, we have these words from our Savior: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." This is a great command from an all-wise and an all-conquering King. This command was given to all who are followers and servants of this King. We, as Baptist people, claim to be followers of Him who spoke the above command. Are we keeping the command? He says in John xiv; 15: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." And again in this same chapter, in the 23rd verse: "If a man love me, he will keep my words."

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Ross,
S. A. Whitener,
J. Abernathy,
} Committee.

The report was discussed by A. M. Ross, M. P. Matheny and E. A. Poe. The report was adopted.

Brethren W. R. Gwaltney, W. F. Watson and D. P.

Bridges were appointed a committee on Ministerial Students. The report on Home Missions was read and speeches were made by B. L. Hoke and W. R. Gwaltney. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

There is no part of our work more important than Home Missions. God has wonderfully blessed the labors of our missionaries in the field. The Home Board in its last report says it has 653 missionaries; that there were 6,552 baptisms; total additions, 12,983; there were 512 Sunday Schools organized this year, with 14,768 pupils; the amount collected and expended on the field is $65,818.81; there have been $5,050.33 expended on houses of worship. Let us do more for this object than ever before.

J. A. HOYLE,
E. S. WHISNANT,
D. F. HOOVER, } Committee.

The following resolution of thanks was read and adopted:—

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of Mt. Holly and vicinity for the unstinted hospitality which has been so generously dispensed during the session of the association.

"How firm a foundation" was sung and the association adjourned to meet with Bethel Church, two miles north-east of Lincolnton, N. C., on Thursday before the last Sunday in October 1900.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10AM.

There was a Sunday School mass meeting conducted by A. M. Ross. Speeches were made by W. A. Graham, J. D. Moore and W. F. Watson.

SUNDAY, 11AM.

W. F. Watson preached. A collection was taken for the family of J. F. Morris, amounting to $7.90.

W. A. GRAHAM, Moderator.

D. P. BRIDGES, CLERK.

The next session of the South Fork Union will meet with the church at Lincolnton, N. C., on Friday, 11AM, before the fifth Sunday in December, 1899.

OBITUARY.

REV. J. F. MORRIS.

REV. J. F. MORRIS was born September 6, 1852. He died July 14, 1899.

His earlier opportunities were meagre. He labored for his daily bread and established early in life a reputation for honesty of purpose and trustworthiness of character. He married very young and the cares of a numerous family hindered his preparation for the ministry.

His conversion occurred August 1872, after he became a married man. Conviction overtook him during a meeting conducted by Bro. Geo. Wilkie at Andrew Stroup's Arbor, just west of Alexis. The conversion was of the nature to convince the most skeptical. He went into the work of the Master, as he had ever conducted his own temporal affairs—with all of his might. He was baptized at the hands of Elder J. T. Shell into the fellowship of Mt. Zion church in 1873.

He was ordained during the year 1881 at Fellowship church, which is now Belmont. The Presbytery was composed of Elders Thomason and Covington. His full time had been taken by the churches sometime before he was ordained, and, with the exception of one year, it remained so until his career ended in this world.

To no man does this Association owe more than to him. His labors were confined principally to our borders, and the unanimous verdict of the churches is that they were abundant and fruitful. He has served one third of our churches as pastor; has been missionary at numerous stations and has established several churches. Scores of people in and out of this Association remember him as the faithful, simple, honest preacher of a pure gospel, who led them from darkness into light.

Bro. Morris could be trusted as a friend, brother, pastor, preacher, citizen, or any other capacity in which he was placed.

No man in Gaston county was ever such a terror to the whiskey element. They hated him because he hated their business and its pernicious effects; they honored him because he fought them openly and as a christian gentleman and upright citizen. He was not strong in body. Of frail strength, he was a lion in courage and a lamb in humility. He was called upon to pass through the fires which try men's souls, but he came out with the dross consumed and the gold refined. His Saviour sat as the refiner of silver over the crucible and His own image was reflected in the soul and life of the metal which He tested. There are those who sat under his ministry who will bear testimony to the fact of the Saviour's shining forth in the preacher's face as he earnestly presented salvation to a lost world. Oh, how he loved the gospel! Well did he preach it both in and out of the pulpit. Where will we find his Jonathan?

For sometime previous to his last illness his friends observed a ripening of character. He sometimes intimated that his days were numbered and his time near its close, but not one was prepared to realize that he must cease to be among us so soon.

His illness was severe and distressing from the beginning. He knew it was the summons. "Write, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

He left a large family. Wife and — children, two of whom have followed him to the better world. Four others have been prostrate with the same disease that took the father.

What can the Association do to honor and perpetuate his memory?

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He has said:
To you who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

REV. J. L. CALDWELL.

JOHN LEMUEL CALDWELL was born June 13, 1871. He died at Wake Forest College October 25, 1899, of typhoid fever. His illness continued through 52 days and from the first there seemed very little hope of recovery. The disease was prob-

ably contracted at a place where he held a meeting a short while before leaving his home for college.

Bro. Caldwell was a young man of much promise to his family, church and denomination, all of whom feel much bereaved.

He has proved his efficiency as church treasurer, secretary of the association and union meeting, and had met much success as a public school teacher. His preaching was above that of the ordinary beginner and impressed his hearers with its sincerity and plainness.

Licensed to preach by Mt. Ruhama church, of which he had been a member many years, October 20, 1895. Ordained by request of same church, June 17, 1899. The ordination sermon being preached by Rev. J. F. Morris, who preceded him to the better world only a few months.

Rev. J. A. Hoyle baptised him September 7, 1890.

Feeling the necessity for better equipment for his Master's work, he decided while teaching school at Maiden during March 1899, to enter Wake Forest College at his earliest convenience. He then, at the opening of the session entered, only to meet his preceptors for three days when he took his bed for the great struggle.

A few days before the summons came, he gave directions for the last rites over his body. It should be sent home to be buried at Mt. Ruhama church, and his pastor, Rev. W. B. McClure, to preach from the text, "I have fought a good fight," etc.

The body was borne along the S. A. L. Railway as his brethren were gathering for the session of the association of which he was a member.

We feel that his death is a great loss to the work in our bounds for we expected much from his labors and influence. God does nothing amiss, consequently, we bow in submission to his decrees. We pray that his example may be emulated by many of our young men.

He lay down

> "Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
> About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' name shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be:—Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Shools, Auxiliary, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be:—Meet at 9:30AM; adjourn at 12:30PM; meet at 1:30PM; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

RESOLVED. That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors in any conceivable way; and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain the, church should expel them.

RESOLVED. That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

HISTORY OF
SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.

CHAPTER I.

The Work of the Baptists from the Settlement of the Country Until the Formation of the Catawba River Association in 1837.

THE BROAD RIVER ASSOCIATION.

The "pioneer" work of the Charleston, S. C., and the Sandy Creek, N. C., Baptist Associations is divided in North Carolina by the Catawba river with few exceptions.

The Yadkin, South Yadkin and part of Catawba River Associations are the work of the Sandy Creek Association. The Green River, Broad River, King's Mountain, South Fork, part of Catawba River, French Broad, and nearly all the pioneer work beyond the Blue Ridge, of the Charleston Association and its successors.

The Charleston Association was formed in 1751 of four churches. The Congaree, including the upper portion of the state, was formed in 1771, "but on account of its interference with the internal discipline of the churches, infringing on their independence," it was disbanded after an existence of a few years.

The Bethel Association was formed in 1789, being composed mainly of the churches which had belonged to the Congaree and those formed in its territory since its dissolution.

Long Creek Church was a member of this Association.

The Broad River Association was formed in 1800 at Sandy River Church in Cleveland (then Rutherford) county, N. C. It was composed of Tyger River, Buffalo, Goucher's Creek, Buck Creek, Cedar Springs, State Line, and Boiling Springs Churches in Spartanburg county, South Carolina; Sandy Run, Green's Creek, Green River, Mountain Creek and Billy Creek in Rutherford county, N. C.; Long Creek, Lincoln county; Silver Creek, Burke county; Mountain Creek and Caney River, Buncombe county.

It is sometimes asserted that Buffalo, Long Creek and Sandy Run churches were organized by two visiting ministers, or missionaries, from the Sandy Creek Association. The time of this visit is stated by some to be 1772, by others, 1777. From what evidence I can gather, it seems probable that these churches were constituted in 1772 by ministers in the Broad River Association and that the "visitors" came in 1777, found them "inactive" and put them again to work.

If these visitors came in 1772 they found Friendship, Green's Creek, Boiling Springs and Goucher's Creek, with perhaps others, at work in this territory. If in 1777, the number had been considerably increased.

Whoever may have constituted these churches, their development and the occupation of the contiguous territory was the work of the Broad River Association.

The trade or commerce of the country was through Charleston. There was no occasion to go in the direction of the Sandy Creek Association, except upon the call of the government for services at the courts, or military duty. Is it not natural that the religious work followed the business routes? The missionaries probably reported the country "occupied," as the Sandy Creek Association did not send any others to prosecute the work.

I—LONG CREEK.

This is the oldest church in the territory of the South Fork Association. The time of its organization is uncertain, some claiming 1772, others 1777. It was a member of the Bethel Association, which was formed in 1789. It is on Long Creek, Gaston, formerly Lincoln, county, and about one mile from Dallas. There are no records of its earliest history. Its church records begin with a reorganization in 1794, as follows:—

"We the Baptist Church of church on the Catawba River, Lincoln county, State of North Carolina, on Long Creek, being constituted, on the 8th day of March, 1794, by our beloved brethren Cleveland Coffee and Davidson Collins, ministers of the same faith, having entered into covenant with the law and one another, do think it expedient to keep a book of discipline, to which we have set the names of our elders and deacons and the number of our members in the

Lord, to which is annexed our covenant with the further events.

"ELDERS—Lemuel Sanders, Charley Jones.

"DEACONS—Samuel Swanengam, James Weathers, Julius Holland, Isaac West, James West.

"MEMBERS—James Weathers, Ralph Cobb, Charley Jones, John Weathers, Cornelius Rodger, Reuben Jenkins."

The same year the membership was increased to sixty-three.

Deacon Julius Holland afterward became a minister and his death is noticed in the minutes of the Broad River Association of 1814.

James Lewis was also a member of this church and sometimes its pastor. His death is recorded in the minutes of 1834. His grandchildren, J. R. Lewis, of Dallas, and Mrs. J. D. Moore, of Gastonia, are active workers in the South Fork Association.

The Broad River Association met with the church in 1833.

Long Creek continued a member of the Broad River Association until 1852. It united with the King's Mountain in 1854, and the Catawba River in 1863.

II—HEBRON CHURCH.

Abernethy's ferry, (now known as Rozzell's,) was on the Catawba river, twelve miles west of Charlotte, at the point where the plank road to Lincolnton crosses the river. It was the head of navigation. "Flat boats," laden with cotton and other produce, passed down the river from here to Charleston, which was the "entre port" for all this section. The boats were frequently sold after the cargo had been disposed of, as "poling" against the current frequently left but little for "freighting charges" above expenses. There was a canal from the Santee river to Charleston.

At the session of 1788, the Legislature of the State granted a charter to a company to "remove obstructions to navigation in the Catawba River." One or more appropriations were made to aid the work. The race now used at Mountain Island Mills was cut to avoid the shoal, as was also the one at the "Powder Mill" at Tuckaseege Ford. Boating was continued until 1836. Afterwards the people of the country went by wagon to Camden and then by boat to Charleston

although they sometimes made the entire trip in wagons. On the Western, or Lincoln, side of the Catawba, at Abernethy's Ferry, was located Hebron Church, a sketch of which, prepared by its order, I insert:—

Hebron Baptist church was organized at Abernethy's Ferry, on the Catawba river, in Lincoln county, N. C., in the latter part of the 18th century. The log house in which these people worshipped first stood on the river bank, immediately at the ferry. No records of the church are known to exist earlier than 1834, but tradition and references in old deeds, carry us back to 1792.

An old negro woman now living, and nearly one hundred years old, whose name appears on the old church roll as "Sally, servant of Mr. Henderson," says her husband, Jake, who belonged to Richard Rozzell, told her that he was at the "raising" of the old church, and that James Abernethy "took up" one corner. This James Abernethy was drowned in 1785.

The tract of land on which the church stood was conveyed to Nathan Abernethy by James Abernethy and his mother, Elizabeth, on the 28th day of March, 1792. Nathan Abernethy sold to Nathan Saddler August 20th, 1803.

The following deed is recorded in Book No. 27, page 635, Lincoln county records: "This indenture made this 4th day of May 1816, between Nathaniel Saddler * * and Richard Rozzell * * witnesseth * * That in consideration of fifty dollars * * a parcel of land in State and county aforesaid, immediately at said Rozzell's Ferry, bound as follows * * * containing three fourths of an acre * * * with the following exceptions to wit; it is understood that the said Rozzell, his heirs and assigns are hereby debarred from building or erecting any house or placing any family to live or reside on said land or premises or to interrupt or molest the meeting house or people meeting * * * which land the said Saddler will warrant and defend against all persons whatsoever exclusive of above exceptions. * * "

According to the terms of a swap of land made in 1832, John Rozzell was to give the church a deed in fee simple for an acre of land nearly one half mile from the ferry, the consideration was to be the right of the church on the river

bank.

The old house was removed and stood on the new site until it was crushed by the weight of snow on its roof in 1852. The membership being too weak to rebuild, a "stand" was erected in the grove, at which preaching was continued at indefinite periods of time until 1883.

The organization having been dissolved in 1853 other denominations were allowed the use of the stand—the Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, etc.

The Methodists organized a society at that place, have erected a house of worship and now hold possession of the site. On the 7th day of February, 1883, before the Methodists began to build, brother J. C. Fichte addressed a letter to A. C. Rozzell, then in possession, in which he used the following language:—"I do want you to relinquish your claim, or whatever of claim you may think you have, to old Hebron church tract. We expect to reorganize the church and we are unwilling to surrender the site, for which we have a deed from John Rozzell, dated in 1832. This deed has never been recorded, etc." A. C. Rozzle disregarded this letter and in July 1883 conveyed the same land to the Methodist church.

The deed from John Rozzell to the church was in the possession of an attorney. It was obtained from him by an order of some one and could not be rediscovered. So the matter remains a mystery.

The following named preachers are known to have served the church:—John Ruker, 1800; McCrary and Hosea Holcombe during the same time; Wm. Richards, 1820-9; H. W. Carroll, 1839-46; then Wade Hill, as missionary of the Broad River Association; then Garrison and R. B. Jones, as missionary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

The Presbytery which dissolved the organization in 1853, was compased of Elders Alexander Abernathy and A. J. Cansler. The members went to Bruington aud Salem churches.

Elder Geo. J. Wilkie preached here as missionary of the Catawba River Association once since the war.

In 1883 Elder John F. Morris, as missionary of the South Fork Association, preached here a few times. Through his

instrumentality the members of the Baptist churches residing between Dutchman's Creek and the Catawba River, in Gaston county, held a conference meeting at the Flat Rock School House, near Mountain Island, on the 8th day of June, 1883, for the purpose of consulting about the propriety of reorganizing old Hebron church. Bro Jno L. Grice was chosen moderator, and Bro. John C. Fichte, clerk.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:—

"Whereas, the site of the old Hebron Church has been taken into possession by A. C. Rozzell and the deed for the same mysteriously obtained from the office of Geo. F. Bason, Esq., and, whereas, there can be no doubt as to the legality of our title, and being unwilling to surrender the same therefore, Resolved:—

"1st. That we reorganize old Hebron Church and that we meet for that purpose at the school house on the old site on the 6th day of July, 1883."

Afterward the time of organization was postponed until the 5th day of October, 1883, when Elders J. F. Morris and T. W. Upton, Deacons John B. Stowe, J. M. Hollebaugh and J. R. Underwood, met at the old site at 11 o'clock, A. M. Brethren J. L. Grice, J. M. Bumgarner and J. C. Fichte, were also present. Mrs. W. F. Cannon had requested a letter from Salem church to join in the organization. * * * *

"Our intention was to occupy the school house at the old site, but the privilege was denied us by W. F. Cannon, who said he had locked us out because he was not willing we should reorganize the church at this place. After consultation we agreed to meet in the afternoon of the same day at the Flat Rock School House. Here the reorganization took place, Deacon John B. Stowe, chairman; John M. Hollobaugh, Secretary.

"The following persons presented letters and were enrolled as members:—

"Deacon J. R. Underwood and wife, Mary; Brethren J. L. Grice, J. M. Bumgarner and John C. Fichte. That evening the names of several newly baptized members enrolled. Bro. John L. Grice, was elected clerk.

"The above historical sketch was adopted as a part of the church record by the church in conference on the 13th of

September 1886.

JOHN L. GRICE, Clerk."

"This historical sketch has been published to inform the public of the trials and persecutions to which Hebron Baptist church has been subjected, and, also, to ask all generously disposed persons to assist this weak and struggling congregation to erect for themselves a house of worship upon their recently purchased site.

"Let all contributions be sent to the address of

Elder JOHN F. MORRIS,
Stanley Creek, N. C."

[N. B. I have abbreviated the sketch and made some slight alterations of verbiage in order to do so.—G.]

III—EARHARDT'S CHURCH.

The road leading from South Carolina to Beattie's Ford, (which was the crossing place on the Catawba for travel), near the Ford intersected the "State" road, which was laid out by act of the Provincial Legislature in 1763, and led from Wadesboro, by Salisbury, to Morgan—town.

Six miles from Beattie's Ford, and near a branch of the State road, was Earhardt's church, which was constituted in the last century. It was about fourteen miles from Hebron and Long Creek and near the road which would be travelled in going from either of them to Union (Warlick's) and Mount Ruhama, the next churches organized in this territory.

Abram Earhardt, upon whose land the house was located, and for whom it was called, came from Pittsylvania county, Va. He was here as early as 1763; was an ordained minister and preached at the church and elsewhere. He owned more than a thousand acres of the best quality of land in this section, also, a number of slaves, whom he desired to liberate in his will, but thought they would be worse off free in Africa than slaves in this country. He died in 1809. He built the first flouring mill in this region, also conducted a saw mill, cotton gin, tan yard, blacksmith shop and a distillery. His wife was a sister of Peter, Jacob and Abram Forney, the most influential men of that period. Some of the members of their families were members of the church. The

Forneys married Abernethys related, to those at Hebron.

Preaching was continued at the church, or in the orchard at the house, until the death of the widow in 1829. There was a burying ground at the church. Here he, his wife, and many of their neighbors were buried. Only unlettered stones mark the graves.

Those who could have given a history of the church have passed away and what, no doubt, was an interesting chapter in Baptist history will never be recorded.

The site is now owned by the writer. It is about one and a half miles from Kid's Chapel. A grand niece of Mr. Earhardt and her children are members of Kid's Chapel.

IV—UNION, OR WARLICK'S

Is in Burke county, five miles from Hickory. It was organized in 1815 by Hosea Holcombe, and united with the Broad River Association that year. Its first location was at the Mountain and it was known as the "Mountain Meeting House." Mr. Holcombe, who came from Virginia, was born in 1780. He was the most influential and, probably, best educated minister of his time. He continued as pastor until 1820, when he removed to Alabama, and was a pioneer Baptist of that State. Cathcart in the Baptist Encyclopedia places his labors in upper South Carolina. This was probably because he belonged to the Broad River Association. I think most of his time was spent in this State. The meeting house was afterwards removed from the Mountain (Baker's) to the present site.

Hosea Holcombe baptized Alexander Abernethy (of the Hebron Stock) in 1827. He succeeded him as pastor of Union and served it for fifty years.

V—MT. RUHAMA

Is in Catawba county, seven miles southeast of Newton, on the road leading from Hebron, on Long Creek, via Earhardt's, to Union.

It was organized in 1816 by Drury Dobbins and Joroyal Barnett, missionaries of the Broad River Association, with thirtyeight members. It united with the Broad River Association that year, and continued a member until the foundation of the Catawba River Association in 1827.

The history of these churches will be continued in the Catawba River and South Fork Association periods.

The following ministers were active in this territory during its connection with the Broad River Association:—Hosea Holcombe, Drury Dobbins, Benjamin Hicks, Joroyal Barnett, Thomas K. Pursely, Ambrose Carlton; Fields Bradshaw, of Mt. Ruhama; Julius Holland and James Lewis, of Long Creek; Alexander Abernathy, of Union.

I acknowledge indebtedness to Logan's Sketches of the Broad River and Kings Mountain Association for great assistance in preparation of the above.

OCTOBER 1ST, 1899. W. A. GRAHAM.

CORRECTION.

Page 20, paragraph 6, line 1, should read: "We, the Baptist Church of Christ, etc."

The committee on obituary was composed of Rev. C. M. Murchison.

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, 1899.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Minute Fund.	Building and Repairs.	Associat'n'l Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	FOREIGN MISS. Board.	FOREIGN MISS. Gospel.	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Other Objects.	Poor.	Aggregate.
Belmont	$ 135 00	$.....	$ 1 25	$ 35 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 15	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$.....	$ 6 00	$ 5 00	$.....	$ 7 50	$.....	$ 193 90
Bethel	.....	6 10	.....	56 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	67 35
Bessemer City	40 00	3 90	55	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 80	.....	84 25
Bruington	.....	3 30	40	.....	12 70	.....	2 00	.....	6 00	.....	5 00	.....	30 05	.....	64 45
Catawba	65 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00
Dallas	120 00	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	16 44	1 30	5 00	.....	.....	10 50	.....	.....	.....	159 24
Gastonia	720 00	169 66	2 00	.....	67 85	.....	21 66	15 00	96 96	79 70	108 50	14 27	.....	49 65	1,465 24
Hebron	100 00	3 47	1 10	.....	1 75	1 75	.....	5 15	.....	.....	2 70	25	30 37	.....	146 54
Hickory	725 00	67 77	1 15	5 00	9 05	43 92	27 26	26 01	.....	5 60	65 75	9 70	77 35	10 00	1,073 56
Hickory Grove	.....	6 17	75	.....	3 00	1 00	2 00	4 00	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	19 92
Kids' Chapel	.....	.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	4 47	.....	10 06	3 00	13 74	75	25 50	.....	58 67
Leonard's Fork	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 40
Lebanon	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Lincolnton	100 00	26 50	50	67 50	34 63	20 00	9 30	7 25	.....	75 00	32 00	.....	.....	.....	372 68
Link's Chapel	.....	.....	50	.....	1 00	1 00	21	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 71
Long Creek	.....	77	60	.....	.....	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 57
Lowell	125 00	10 00	1 00	.....	2 05	6 00	3 30	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	150 35
Macedonia	75 00	.....	25	.....	.....	98	1 00	1 52	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	18 00	98 35
Maiden	65 00	4 00	1 10	.....	5 00	8 00	.....	2 77	.....	.....	.....	4 00	12 00	.....	101 87
McAdensville	102 20	15 05	1 85	.....	16 30	25 00	15 00	15 00	.....	2 50	25 00	2 50	79 57	.....	299 97
Mt. Grove	100 00	.....	75	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 76	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	116 51
Mt Holly	84 18	24 75	1 50	110 00	2 60	1 00	I 00	.....	3 58	.....	2 00	60	34 48	21 50	287 19
Mt. Ruhama	60 00	.....	1 04	41 50	.....	2 97	2 75	2 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 04	.....	118 15
Mt. Zion	125 00	7 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 60	2 00	.....	.....	148 60
Newton	75 00	5 90	65	.....	2 00	4 25	2 00	1 56	.....	1 46	3 20	1 50	95 00	.....	192 52
Olivet	125 00	25	1 00	.....	5 10	2 00	3 00	4 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	141 60
Providence, 1st	25 00	4 00	25	3 50	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 75
Providence, 2nd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Penelope	75 00	5 00	40	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	2 50	50	.....	.....	92 40
River View	60 00	.....	25	20 00	4 51	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 76	1 00	.....	.....	89 52
Salem	50 00	.....	40	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	55 75
Sandy Plains	100 00	9 00	65	.....	5 00	5 30	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 60	.....	10 00	.....	135 55
Startown	20 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	29 00
Thessalonica	40 00	5 50	55	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	50	8 24	50	.....	.....	62 79
Warlick's Ch'p'l	.....	.....	1 00	.....	4 50	.....	50	.....	1 00	1 00	5 00	.....	4 25	.....	17 25
Zion Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
	$3386 38	$383 03	$24 79	$341 75	$213 04	$153 96	$108 75	$107 87	$117 60	$177 16	$311 79	$40 07	$455 91	$99 15	$6,046 70

DIRECTORY, 1899.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST-OFFICE.	SUNDAY OF PREACHING.	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.
Belmont	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Charlotte	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	1, 4	Laura Stowe.
Bethel	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle.	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	1	S. Mullen.
Bessemer City	Gaston	A. M. Ross	King's Mountain	C. Carpenter	Bessemer City	4	J. W. Wilson.
Bruington	"	J. F. Morris	Stanley	J. T. Morris	Stanley	2, 4	J. T. Morris.
Catawba	Catawba	J. L. Vipperman	Newton	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	1	J. S. Bridges.
Dallas	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	"	C. S. Stowe	Dallas	4	J. R. Lewis.
Gastonia	"	W. F. Watson	Gastonia	J. D. Moore	Gastonia	Ev'ry S.	J. A. B. L Hurley.
Hebron	"	J. L. Shinn	Mooresville	Jno. Pressley	Mt. Holly	1	J. R. Underwood.
Hickory	Catawba	W. R. Gwaltney	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	Ev'ry S.	Mrs. W. F. Jones.
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	M. A. Baldwin	Mt. Holly	3	L. Abernethy.
Kids' Chapel	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	1	Florrie Graham.
Leonard's Fork	"	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	Wm. H. Hoover	Crouse	4	F. T. Cornwell.
Lebanon	Catawba	C. E. Beaver	"	W. Lawing	Chronicle	1	E. Litton.
Lincolnton	Lincoln	D. P Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Bridges	Lincolnton	3	Florence Finch.
Link's Chapel	"	J. P. Brantley	Perth	R. E. Hovis	Iron Station	1	Lucy Goodson.
Long Creek	Gaston	G. M. Webb	Shelby	W. H. Dilling	Dallas	4	W. H. Dilling.
Lowell	"	D M Austin.	Charlotte	J. B. Hester	Lowell	2, 4	Mrs. Earney.
Macedonia	Lincoln	W. B. McClure	Alexis	J. Mullen	Derr	3	M. Spargo.
Maiden	Catawba	W. B. McClure	"	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden	1	D. A, Finger.
McAdensville	Gaston	B. L. Hoke	King's Mountain	J. N. Walker	McAdensville	1, 3	J. S. Fox.
Mt. Grove	Catawba	J. L. Vipperman	Newton	J. W. Whisnant	Hickory	3	J. W. Whisnant.
Mt Holly	Gaston			S. L. Bolinger	Mt. Holly	2	S. L. Bolinger.
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McClure	Alexis	L. J. Caldwell	Loretta	4	D. E. Caldwell.
Mt. Zion	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	L S. Hager	Alexis	3	M. J. Hager.
Newton	Catawba	J. L. Vipperman	Newton	G. W. Cochrane	Newton	2	D. R. Cates.
Olivet	"	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. W. Ervin	Long Island	2	Mary Bridges.
Providence, 1st.	"	C. E. Beaver	"	M. A. Wilkie	Catawba	3	H. C. Hewitt.
Providence, 2nd	"			A. D. Young	Chestnut	4	Jas. Brittain.
Penelope	Burke	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	J. S. Hilderbran	Penelope	4	Mrs. Murchison.
River View	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	E. C. Huss	Lincolnton	1	E. C. Huss.
Salem	"	C. E. Beaver	"	W. T. McCoy	"	2	R. Harrill.
Sandy Plains	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Lattimore	N. A. Jenkins	Gastonia	2	E. Hoffman.
Startown	Catawba	J. L. Vipperman	Newton			2	Mrs. Whitener.
Thessalonica	"	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	W. P. Rhony	Jacob's Fork	4	W. P. Rhony.
Warlick's Ch'p'l	Burke	C. M. Murchison	Penelope	A. J. Cook	Penelope	1	R. Burns.
Zion Hill	Catawba	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	R. F. Kistler	Reepsville	4	L. A. Bangle.

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1899.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	ADDITIONS.				DIMINUTIONS.				MEMBERSHIP.			SUN. SCHOOLS.			CH. PROPERTY	
		Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Value of ch. property.	Seating capacity.
Belmont	1874	...	2	..	2	1	30	2	33	39	52	91	7	30	37	$500	300
Bethel	1895	...	2	..	2	1	...	1	2	23	26	49	3	30	33	500	300
Bessemer City	1897	...	3	..	3	7	1	..	8	13	20	33	8	80	88	.....	.....
Bruington	1853	9	3	..	12	10	7	5	22	43	84	127	.....	.....	.....	600	300
Catawba	1875	...	...	..	...	3	...	1	4	14	23	37	...	.....	.....	2,000	400
Dallas	1879	2	3	..	5	1	...	..	1	11	15	26	5	30	35	1,200	400
Gastonia	1884	18	67	6	91	14	1	2	17	91	161	252	18	397	415	2,500	500
Hebron	1883	3	4	..	7	6	...	..	6	27	65	92	7	60	67	400	400
Hickory	1870	5	6	2	13	7	1	..	8	62	88	150	12	130	142	2,500	300
Hickory Grove	1873	4	4	4	12	5	...	1	6	66	90	156	.....	...	.....	1,500	400
Kids' Chapel	1872	5	...	..	5	...	1	1	2	35	76	111	6	76	82	500	400
Leonard's Fork	....	4	2	..	6	2	2	..	4	17	43	60	.....	.....	.....	300	200
Lebanon	....	6	...	..	6	...	...	..	...	10	30	40	8	63	71	.....	.....
Lincolnton	1859	...	4	..	4	...	1	1	2	10	26	36	6	40	46	2,500	300
Link's Chapel	....	...	...	..	...	2	...	1	3	25	22	47	....	...	.....	100	300
Long Creek	....	6	1	..	7	5	...	2	7	45	53	98	.....	.....	.....	1,000	6 0
Lowell	1892	...	...	..	...	9	...	..	9	47	64	111	.....	.....	.....	1,000	350
Macedonia	1869	7	4	..	11	4	...	1	5	58	91	149	5	45	50	600	300
Maiden	1891	18	6	..	24	5	...	..	5	73	121	194	11	106	117	700	500
McAdensville	1887	4	6	..	10	5	20	5	30	72	125	197	14	160	174	100	400
Mt. Grove	1881	1	...	..	1	...	...	1	1	34	51	85	6	50	56	500	300
Mt. Holly	1890	25	7	3	35	3	30	1	34	44	95	139	10	120	130	1,200	400
Mt. Ruhama	1816	2	...	2	4	3	3	2	8	76	140	216	9	75	84	400	200
Mt. Zion	1869	16	8	..	24	2	6	4	12	88	117	205	9	75	84	500	400
Newton	1881	1	7	..	8	2	...	..	2	11	16	27	5	30	35	1,500	300
Olivet	1833	23	1	..	24	6	4	..	10	59	105	164	5	55	60	600	400
Providence, 1st	....	2	2	1	5	...	...	...	...	6	23	29	.....	.....	.....	100	200
Providence, 2nd	1878	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	65	.....	...	.....	300	250
Penelope	1888	2	2	..	4	3	2	..	5	18	21	39	.....	.....	.....	500	350
River View	1897	2	6	..	8	3	...	2	5	22	31	53	10	50	60	600	300
Salem	1854	19	1	1	21	4	...	4	8	33	79	112	...	.....	....	600	300
Sandy Plains	1863	9	2	1	12	2	1	..	3	40	75	115	7	25	32	600	500
Startown	1896	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	1	11	12	....	.....	.....	300	200
Thessalonica	1830	14	3	..	17	12	1	..	13	21	34	55	7	45	52	300	400
Warlick's Ch'p'l	1815	4	...	..	4	...	4	..	4	36	83	119	4	56	60	1,500	500
Zion Hill	1899	...	...	..	...	. .	...	..	...	4	7	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	....	211	156	20	387	127	115	37	279	1,274	2,163	3,502	182	1,828	2,010	$28,300	11,650

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. S. BRIDGES, W. A. GRAHAM, J. D. MOORE,
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ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS.

FIRST—Bessemer City, Belmont, Dallas, Gastonia, McAdensville, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Lowell, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek, Sandy Plains.

SECOND—Lincolnton, Salem, Link's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Ruhama, Bethel, River View, Leonard's Fork.

THIRD—Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence, Providence II, Thessalonica, Reepsville, Mt. Grove, Penelope, Warlick's Chapel, Startown.

The Association not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

The South Fork Association met with Bethel church, Lincoln county, N. C., Thursday, October 25th, 1900, at 11 AM. The introductory sermon was preached by J. L. Vipperman from Acts iv; 32. The Association then had an intermission for one hour.

Thursday, 2 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. M. V. Machemson led in prayer.

Brethren C. M. Murchison and J. D. Moore were appointed reading clerks.

The letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:—

Belmont—R. C. Bowen, W. A. Leeper.

Bethel—A. W. Biggerstaff, W. C. Mullen.

Bessemer City—D. K. Tate, W. B. Keller.

Bruington—J. T. Morris, D. F. Hovis, S. L. Smith.

Catawba—M. J. Cochrane, E. A. Ervin, J. S. Bridges.

Dallas—A. R. Holland. J. R. Lewis.

Gastonia—M. T. Saunders, J. D. Moore, J. Jenkins, J. W. Handsel.

Hebron—N. L. Moore, J. M. Pressley, J. R. Underwood.

Hickory—W. R. Gwaltney, J. F. Click, Jno. Whitener, A. L. Ramsaur.

Hickory Grove—M. A. Baldwin, C. L. Hoke, D. L. Abernethy, O. L. Abernethy.

Kids Chapel—W. A. Graham, S. A. Whitener, C. G. Tucker.

Leonard's Fork—W. H. Hoover, L. A. Houser, T. J. Hoover.

Lebanon—Not represented.

Lincolnton—D. P. Bridges, P. W. Bangle.

Link's Chapel—Not represented.

Long Creek—D. A. Jenkins, W. L. Smith.

Lowell—R. A. Groves.

Macedonia—J. P. Mullen, J. E. Burke, Jas. Shaw.

Maiden– J. A. Hoyle, C. E. Beaver, E. S. Whisnant, D. A. Finger.

McAdensville—B. L. Hoke.

Mt. Grove—D. A. Whisnant, J. B. Rockett, C. Baker.

Mt. Holly—J. D. Howe, S. J. Skidmore.

Mt. Ruhama—J. C. Barker, L. J. Caldwell, D. H. Abernethy, J. J. Caldwell.

Mt. Zion—L. S. Hager, R. A. Nantz, E. V. Centre, W, A. Caldwell, W. B. McLure.

Newton—P. M. Mull.

Olivet—I. A. Litten, J. H. Fry, J. R. Fry, John S. Bridges.

Providence—By letter.

Providence II—J. T. Brittain.

Penelope—C. M. Murchison, I. M. Hildebrand.

River View—J. C. Havnaer, R. Coffey, G. M. Haynes.

Salem—W. T. McCoy, R. Harrill.

Sandy Plains—J. H. Hoffman, S. G. McAllister, E. W. Hoffman.

Startown—By letter.

Thessalonica—W. P. Roney.

Warlick's Chapel—A. J. Cook, J. L. Cook.

Reepsville—L. A. Bangle, Thomas Davis.

The Association then proceeded to organize by electing W. A. Graham, moderator; D. P. Bridges, clerk, and J. D. Moore, treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed:—C. J. Woodson and C. S. Cashwell, from the King's Mountain Association, and M. V. Machemson, from the Mt. Zion Association.

The Treasurer read his annual report, which was adopted.

The Moderator announced the usual committees, whose names appear with their respetive reports.

It was ordered that Friday be "Century Day," and the program for the day was read, as follows, and adopted:—

PROGRAM.

1. "Baptist Missions During the Century." Speakers: W. F. Marshall and Rev. W. F. Watson.

2. "Baptist Growth During the Century." Speakers: L. L. Jenkins and J. D. Moore.

3. "Responsibility of the Baptists in the Century Before Us." Speaker: J. E. White.

4. "Home Missions in the South and the Present Outlook of the Work." Speakers: J. C. Caldwell and D. P. Bridges.

5. "State Missions in North Carolina During the Century and Our Responsibility from Present Advantages." Speakers: W. A. Graham, C. M. Murchison and J. A. Hoyle.

W. R. GWALTNEY, Chairman of Committee.

The wording of the resolution on Temperance was changed, as will be seen by reference to the Constitution.

The pastor and delegates of Bethel church were made a committee on religious exercises.

The Association adjourned with prayer by C. S. Cashwell.

Friday, 9.30 A. M.

Devotion was conducted by John S. Bridges.

The Moderator called the Association to order. The Clerk read the minutes of yesterday, which were approved. The roll of delegates was called.

W. F. Watson was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and J. D. Moore, alternate.

W. R. Gwaltney, B. L. Hoke and J. L. Vipperman were appointed delegates to the State Convention.

W. R. Gwaltney was elected a member of the State Mission Board for this Association.

The program for the day was then taken up and reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions were submitted,

with the report, also, of the Executive Board of this Association.

W. A. Graham discussed ably State Missions, also, W. R. Gwaltney.

D. F. Putnam, of the King's Mountain Association, was welcomed.

W. R. Gwaltney, W. F. Watson and D. P. Bridges were appointed a committee on Ministerial Students.

The Association adjourned till 1.15PM, with prayer by C. S. Cashwell.

Friday, 1.15 P. M.

The Association was opened with prayer by D. F. Putnam.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed the following visiting brethren:—N. B. Broughton, of the Biblical Recorder; O. L. Stringfield, of the Baptist Female University, and J. W. Cobb, of the North Carolina Baptist.

W. R. Gwaltney spoke on "Missions During the Century."

N. B. Broughton discussed "State Missions."

J. A. Hoyle moved to amend the Constitution by declaring all ordained ministers ex officio delegates to the Association. W. A. Graham and C. S. Cashwell opposed the motion. No one can represent a Baptist church unless it chooses him as such; this principle is one that distinguishes Baptists from other denominations. The motion was withdrawn.

The report on the Orphanage was read and discussed by W. A. Graham and C. S. Cashwell.

Pledges for the Mills building were taken, amounting to $137, as follows:—Bethel $1, Catawba $1, Dallas $5, Gastonia $100, Hebron $2, Kids $3, Leonard's Fork $1, Lincolnton $2, Long Creek $1, Lowell $5, Maiden $2, Mt. Grove $2, Mt. Holly $2, Mt. Ruhama $1, Mt. Zion $1, Olivet $2, Penelope $2, River View $2, J. H. Hoffman $1.

A cash collection for the Orphanage was taken amounting to $1.26.

The report on the Orphanage, as follows, was adopted:—

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

In Isaiah lviii, 6-7, the Lord indicates that for the poor we are to provide a home and bread. According to Deut. xv, 11, and Mark xiv, 7, we are to open wide our hand to help.

Some of us can lift while others must lean. Nearly 200 little ones at our Orphanage are now leaning upon us to help. A great many other worthy ones ask for a home and care, but are turned away for want of room.

One pressing need just now is another home at the Orphanage.

Another need is the finishing and furnishing of the Mills Memorial Building. We call attention to the offer of Mr. Reynolds, of Winston, to furnish $1,000 for this purpose.

To individuals and Sunday Schools we commend Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper.

C. S. CASHWELL
D. A. WHISNANT

The Finance Committee read the following report, which was adopted:—

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee on Finance beg to report the following amounts received in cash on the several objects:—

For Minute Fund	$ 28 64
Associational Missions	131 41
State Missions	55 36
Home Missions	41 75
Foreign Missions, (Board)	48 76
Foreign Missions, (Gospel Plan)	12 60
Education	9 25
Orphanage	55 69
Ministers' Relief	16 60
Sunday Schools	2 00

Total..... $402 06

Respectfully,

J. F. Click
M. J. Cochrane
Wm. H. Hoover

"State Missions" was taken up again and discussed by J. D. Moore.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

Saturday, 9.30 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by B. L. Hoke.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The following Executive Board was announced for the next year, viz:—J. S. Bridges, W. A. Graham, J. D. Moore, J. R. Underwood and D. A. Whisnant.

The general subject of Missions was taken up and discussed by W. R. Gwaltney, W. A. Graham, J. D. Moore, N. B. Broughton and O. L. Stringfield.

The reports on Missions and the report of the Executive Board, which had been read and discussed, were adopted:—

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the South Fork Association beg leave to submit their annual report:—

During the year we have supplied services one Lord's Day in each month at Maple Grove and evening service at Sulphur Springs by Rev. J. A. Hoyle, $150; afternoon service once a month at Reepsville by C. E. Beaver, $50; vicinity of Salem by C. E. Beaver, $25; High Shoals by Rev. D. P. Bridges, $25; Crouse Station by Rev. D. P. Bridges, $25; by Rev. Pruett at Wilson's Mills, $16. Total, $291.00.

Elder Bridges has obtained a lot at Crouse's for a church and $60 has been paid in towards building a house.

At High Shoals a lot has been given by the Company for

a house and it is probable that a church will soon be organized there.

A lot has been purchased at Reepsville and an order given for the lumber for a house. The churches are earnestly urged to aid in paying for this lumber as the Reepsville church promises to erect the building.

The State Board has aided us at Bessemer City, Newton and Startown.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Bridges, Chairman
W. A. Graham
J. R. Underwood
A. W. Biggerstaff
J. D. Moore

STATE MISSIONS.

That which underlies all our other work is State Missions. This is the method by which the destitution is supplied with the pure gospel; the churches are organized which contribute to the support of all the home work and the sending of the gospel abroad.

The success of this work during the last quarter of the closing century has been marvellous. And during the last twelve years, our State Missions have organized 40 churches a year on an average.

The work west of the Blue Ridge is progressing so rapidly that increasing demands upon our Board are much greater than were anticipated.

Our Factory Work.—The claims of this comparatively new industry in North Carolina, are daily increasing upon us with such rapidity as to make it the most ominous problem now before us.

The four counties in Eastern North Carolina in which there is not a single Baptist preacher, must have the four men next year that are called for.

And now we must see to it that the demands upon the Board of State Missions be met before the meeting of the Convention, so far as in us lies. To accomplish this end,

efforts should be made to secure a contribution from every member of the several churches.

W. R. GWALTNEY
W. C. MULLEN
C. G. TUCKER

HOME MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptists are a great host of God-loving and Christ-following people. Their resources are wonderful, their powers unlimited; under wise leadership, the work of the century has been unparalleled.

The Home Mission Board has done well with the means committed to their hands. The departments of work are:—

1. Work among our own native population in the states and territories, and along the frontier.
2. Work among the negroes.
3. Work among the foreign population in our Southern borders.
4. Work among the Indians.
5. Giving the gospel to Cuba and Porto Rico.

The success of the past gives every encouragement for more earnest effort in the future. May we "expect great things of God and attempt great things for God" during the coming century.

C. M. MURCHISON
L. A. BANGLE

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions demand our very grave consideration and self-sacrificing efforts. In God's army the command is; "To every man his work," and, in view of the magnitude of this great work and our responsibility in the same, we should move forward in the execution of our Lord's words in Matt. xxviii, 19-20; "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Truly, the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few; therefore, we believe that it is of the utmost importance that we shall not be slow to apprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth and

length and depth and heighth of Ps. ii, 8; "Ask of me and I shall give the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions."

J. L. VIPPERMAN
A. J. COOK
W. P. RHONEY

The report on Periodicals was read as follows:—

PERIODICALS.

The Baptists of North Carolina are a great host and are doing commendable work. Several factors have contributed to our success. Among the foremost of these has been The Biblical Recorder. For nearly three-fourths of a century it has made weekly visits into our homes, bringing information, good cheer, sound doctrine and gospel news. It has always advocated measures advantageous to our growth and development. Few periodicals of as great age number so few mistakes. Our people should have given it better support, which would have enabled it to accomplish even more than it has. It is better today than ever before in its history and ought to be in every Baptist home.

The North Carolina Baptist has a field of usefulness which it is filling well. It is growing, as all other things Baptistic must grow.

Charity and Children, at the Orphanage, is filling its sphere of duty to the satisfaction of all lovers of that institution of love.

The merits of The Foreign Mission Journal are acknowled by all who read it. A club should be raised in every church in our Association for this journal.

The periodicals of our own Southern Convention Series are equal to any of their kind and appeal directly to Southern Baptists for loyal support.

The Baptist Worker, printed at Gastonia, is filling a long felt want within our own bounds.

C. M. MURCHISON
S. J. SKIDMORE

The report was spoken to by J. W. Cobb, N. B. Brough-

ton and J. D. Moore. The report was adopted.

B. L. Hoke read the following report on Education:—

EDUCATION.

We all realize that there is great power in Education—that the educated men and women rule the world.

Therefore, all christians should encourage and help in every way possible the advancement of distinctive Christian Education.

Your committee would recommend to this Association that we re-affirm our loyalty to Christian Education and try to do more for its advancement during the coming year than we have ever done before.

Your committee would also recommend that all Baptists patronize Baptist schools where the great truths and principles which the Baptists hold, are taught under the direct supervision of consecrated men and women, is the place where our young men and young women should be sent.

We call special attention to Wake Forest College, the best institution for christian and higher education in all the South. The present session had the best opening in all the history of the College, and its future grows brighter every day. Improvements are constantly being made that the student may be abreast with the times.

Our Baptist Female University is the wonder—in educational interests—during the nineteenth century. No school of learning has had such a marvellous beginning. Every girl's heart should burn with an ardent desire to attend that great school.

Again, your committee most enthusiastically emphasizes the great importance of our Baptist people to stand loyally by the Baptist institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. Hoke
J. E. Burke

The report was discussed by O. L. Stringfield.

A subscription for the Baptist Female University was taken amounting to $57.30.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

Saturday, 2.15 P. M.

J. L. Vipperman opened the Association by prayer.

The report on Education was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read and adopted as follows:—

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your committee recommends that each church in the bounds of this Association will not only continue their offerings for the support of our aged ministers, but will endeavor to enlarge their contributions as the years come and go.

Submitted by the committee,

J. A. Hoyle
D. A. Jenkins
J. W. Hansell

The report on Place and Preacher was read as follows:—

PLACE AND PREACHER.

We offer the following report:—Place; Olivet, six miles southeast of Catawba. Preacher; W. F. Watson; alternate, J. L. Vipperman.

M. T. Saunders
S. A. Whitener
J. H. Hoffman

The report was adopted.

I. M. Hildebrand read the report on Sunday Schools, as follows:—

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There is no more important church work than that of the Sabbath School. Here the membership of the church can be brought together for the study of God's Word, and teaching the same to the children. The success of every other church work depends mainly upon the interest taken

in Sabbath Schools. We are glad to note increasing interest in this grand work.

Respectfully,

I. M. HILDEBRAND, for Committee.

The report was discussed by N. B. Boughton.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was read and adopted, viz:—

RESOLVED, That we, the delegates and visitors to this Association, extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of this church and brethren of other churches in this community, for opening their homes and hearts to and for us, and who have so bountifully administered to our every want and comfort while among them; and we pray that God will open the windows of Heaven and ever pour out upon them and theirs every blessing that shall be needed to make them happy in this life and save them in the life to come.

J. F. CLICK.

It was decided to hold the next Union Meeting at Bruington, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December.

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted, viz:—

OBITUARY.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:—We find, by reference to the letters, that 34 of our brethren and sisters have passed away during the Associational year. With humility we submit to the will of our Heavenly Father, "who doeth all things well."

Respectfully,

E. S. WHISNANT

I. M. HILDEBRAND

The following resolution of sympathy with Bro. W. F. Watson was read and adopted:—

WHEREAS we have learned with deep regret of the death of the beloved wife of Bro. W. F. Watson, therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to our dear brother our sincere christian sympathy in this hour of his deep grief, and pray

that the Holy Spirit, our Great Comforter, may come to him with healing and blessing.

The Moderator delivered the closing address.

The Association adjourned with prayer by N. B. Broughton.

Sunday, 9.30 A. M.

J. C. Havnaer conducted a Sunday School massmeeting. Talks were made by B. L. Hoke, C. E. Beaver, I. M. Hildebrand, and D. P. Bridges.

After an intermission of 15 minutes the congregation reassembled and O. L. Stringfield preached an excellent sermon, after which a collection was taken for Associational Missions amounting to $8.30.

At 2.30PM, J. C. Havnaer preached.

W. A. GRAHAM, Moderator.

D. P. BRIDGES, Clerk.

A Glance at Some of Our Prosperity.

The South Fork Association now includes Gaston, Lincoln and Catawba counties in its territory. It is about fifty miles in length and about twenty-five in breadth. It numbers now about 3,700 members. It has grown in twenty years from a membership of 800 to this large number. Its territory has almost doubled. Twenty years ago we gave about $65 to missions; now we give about $800.

We will notice some points where our work is increasing rapidly:—

Bethel we found flourishing, having several baptisms and growing in every way under Pastor Hoyle. Five years ago we were locked out in the woods at this point; now we have a church and community which could handsomely entertain our large body.

At Gastonia we find Eld. Watson and people erecting a

new house with as good Sunday School as is in the State, baptisms all during the year and the work in general in excellent condition.

Then comes Hickory with an excellent new house under way, a mission chapel just completed and baptisms frequently, with all departments of the work moving on well, which shows Pastor Gwaltney and his people to be wide awake.

Maiden comes forward with 27 baptisms; increase in liberality, and going to have preaching two Sundays in the month next year.

The work at McAdensville under B. L. Hoke, as leader, is moving forward. They are building a new house; baptizing frequently. Brethren Watson and Vipperman helped in the good work in a meeting at this point. The work here is in very good condition.

In the front rank stands Mt. Holly, under the wise leadership of Pastor Murchison, with 15 baptized; the work in good condition; a good interest at Tuckasege as a mission point, and having advanced from confusion to preaching twice a month, and doing good work all around. Vipperman and Watson added to the interest here by their aid in meetings.

Lincolnton is moving along. Eld. B. L. Hoge, of Concord, did excellent work in a meeting of ten days. Four have been baptized and the church is just about beginning a new parsonage.

At Leonard's Fork Eld. B. L. Hoke aided in a meeting in which great good was done and 8 were baptized. In connection with this church, is Crouse, where they are struggling to build a house.

At Newton the work is continually growing in interest. A good Sunday School is doing excellent work.

River View is making great strides forward. Brethren Bridges and Putnam aided the pastor in meetings in which were many conversions. Twenty-six have been baptized and the work is growing under Pastor Havnaer.

At Salem Bro. Watson aided in a meeting where 12 were baptized.

There are other points where there has been large growth. Indeed, there has been a healthy growth throughout the entire Association.

It is remarkable how the whole country is coming to our views of Bible truth, and if we, as Baptists, will only do our duty, it will not be long until every community in our territory will have a live Baptist church.

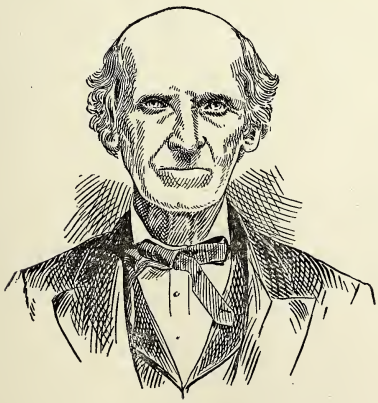
CLERK.

OBITUARY.

Elder J. A. Hoyle was appointed a committee on obituaries of A. G. Harrill, A. B. Erwin, A. P. Earney and John Neil. He reported as follows:—

ABRAM G. HARRILL.

ABRAM G. HARRILL was born in Rutherford county, N. C., July 1st, 1820; died at his home near Lincolnton, N. C., March 15, 1900, aged 79 years, 8 months and 5 days. Bro. Harrill was baptized by Eld. Wade Hill into the fellowship of Salem church September 14, 1850. He served the church as a deacon and clerk for many years. He was well known all over our Association. It was a pleasure for him to attend the sessions of the Association and union meetings, when it was possible to do so. Bro. Harrill not only loved his pastors and brethren, but loved everybody else. The writer was his pastor for a number of



years, and Bro. Harrill in seven years only missed one Saturday's preaching, but came just as the congregation was leaving, having been called away that day to a meeting of the supervisors of public roads. He served 33 years as magistrate of Lincoln county. But few men in Lincoln county had more friends than Bro. Harrill. He has done his work and gone to his reward.

A. P. EARNEY.

Deacon A. P. Earney, of Lowell, was born in Lincoln county January 30, 1837. He died May 4, 1900. He was converted and joined fellowship of Salem church in 1865 by Eld. A. J. Cansler. He was a faithful member of his church, and often represented it in the Association, and was ready to do all he could for the cause of his Master.

MARCUS W. HEWITT.

Marcus W. Hewitt was born in the year 1827, in Catawba county, and died May 15, 1900. His age was 73 years. He was one of the oldest and best members of Mt. Ruhama church and was honored and respected by the people of his community.

A. B. ERVIN

Came to this Association from the South Yadkin Association about ten years ago. He died in February, 1900. He was often in the Association and aided in the work of the body. He was a brother of considerable mind and information. He was a member of Maiden church when he died

JOHN NEIL

Was a member of Leonard's Fork church. He died in March, 1900. He was always found in his place in his church, and ready to do his duty in every good work.

Constitution.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to

the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Comvention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons annually appointed by the Moderator, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October.

Rules of Order.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Associaton shall be:—Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary, Old Minister's Relief, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be:—Meet at 9.30AM;

adjourn at 12:30PM; meet at 1:30PM; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

RESOLVED, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors in any conceivable way; and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

RESOLVED, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

The Resolution on Temperance was amended so as to read as follows:—

RESOLVED. That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1900.

CHURCHES.	Past'r's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Minute Fund.	Building and Repairs.	Associatio'l Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	FOR. MISSIONS Board.	FOR. MISSIONS Gospel.	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Other Objects.	Poor.	TOTAL.
Belmont	$ 125 00	$..	$ 75	$ 40 00	$ 5 00	$ 1 45	$ 2 35	.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$....	$.....	$.....	$ 168 55
Bethel	.....	41 80	1 70	.....	5 69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 19
Bessemer City	.....	2 50	50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 43
Brainington	.....	10 00	70	.....	15 00	.....	2 00	.....	6 00	.....	5 75	.....	.....	.....	39 45
Catawba	.....	.....	30	.....	3 50	4 24	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Dallas	120 00	52 00	1 00	.....	.....	8 16	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	290 16
Gastonia	972 00	251 96	2 07	5135 51	.....	50 00	29 69	150 52	.....	31 92	123 46	.....	.....	23 31	6771 42
Hebron	120 00	5 00	65	.....	.....	2 50	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129 90
Hickory Grove	.....	.....	1 60	5 15	4 75	.....	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 00	.....	24 00
Hickory	829 00	84 96	1 25	1245 62	13 08	33 46	88 54	32 87	.....	10 00	60 05	14 03	.....	5 00	2242 36
Kid's Chapel	.....	.....	95	5 00	6 00	5 00	1 80	.....	10 05	3 85	16 62	1 40	.....	.....	49 62
Leonard's Fork	60 00	10 00	50	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 50
Lebanon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincolnton	101 25	30 00	55	20 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	.....	50 00	26 01	.....	14 50	3 00	290 51
Link's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	30 00	10 75	50	.....	2 00	.....	1 75	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	47 00
Lowell	125 00	15 00	1 25	.....	5 00	10 00	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	141 25	.....	306 50
Macedonia	75 00	.....	30	.....	.....	2 55	1 90	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	80 75
Maiden	100 00	12 00	2 00	85 00	10 00	.....	4 00	5 00	.....	.....	7 85	3 00	55 00	.....	273 85
McAdensville	205 00	19 51	1 30	350 96	25 05	10 00	10 00	10 00	.....	2 50	15 00	2 50	11 75	14 20	677 77
Mt. Grove	100 00	.....	1 00	.....	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	3 68	1 00	.....	.....	119 68
Mt. Holly	250 00	30 00	75	2 50	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 40	4 60	2 25	9 40	1 00	11 46	.....	331 96
Mt. Ruhama	75 00	16 95	2 50	.....	10 96	1 35	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 76
Mt. Zion	125 00	8 50	84	.....	10 00	3 00	4 25	5 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	160 59
Newton	75 00	7 00	1 33	14 75	3 00	10 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	19 50	3 00	.....	.....	139 58
Olivet	125 00	.....	60	.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	2 50	5 00	2 50	22 19	.....	182 79
Providence, I	.....	.....	30	.....	3 25	2 00	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 55
Providence, II	30 00	.....	70	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 10	.....	.....	.....	33 80
Penelope	25 00	3 00	40	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	.....	1 00	3 00	60	.....	.....	41 00
River View	85 00	.....	75	4 10	11 11	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	53 85	.....	180 96
Salem	.....	.....	65	.....	18 44	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 12	.....	.....	.....	24 21
Sandy Plains	110 00	11 00	75	.....	5 00	8 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	3 54	.....	7 15	7 00	156 55
Startown	.....	.....	20	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 70
Thessalonica	32 00	.....	45	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	39 20
Warlick's Ch'p'l	60 00	10 00	50	10 00	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	6 00	1 00	.....	15 00	110 50
Peepsville	.....	.....	40	.....	3 25	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 65
Total	$3954 25	$631 93	$29 94	$6918 59	$209 58	$185 47	$191 03	$271 22	$22 65	$109 47	$341 26	$30 03	$319 15	$72 51	$13281 44

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—DIRECTORY FOR 1900.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	SUNDAY OF PREACHING.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.
Belmont	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	1	W. C. Culp	Laura Stone
Bethel	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	1		W. Mullen
Bessemer City	Gaston	A. M. Ross	King's Mountain	M. C. Carpenter	Bessemer City	4		D. K. Tate
Bruington	Gaston	J. C. Havnaer	Lincolnton	J. T. Morris	Stanley Creek	2	C. A. Caldwell	D. F. Hovis
Catawba	Catawba	B. L. Hoke	Newton	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	1		M. J. Cochrane
Dallas	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	C. S. Stowe	Dallas	4	A. R. Holland	Laura Brown
Gastonia	Gaston	W. F. Watson	Gastonia	J. D. Moore	Gastonia	Ev Sun	L. L. Jenkins	M. T. Saunders
Hebron	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	J. M. Pressley	Mt. Holly	3	A. J. Bumgardner	Ola Martin
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	M. A Baldwin	McAdenville	2	M. A. Baldwin	
Hickory	Catawba	W. R. Gwaltney	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	Ev Sun	J. G. Carrier	L. Abernethy
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	1	G. S. Noles	Ennice Whitener.
Leonard's Fork	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. H. Hoover	Crouse	4		Ola Houser
Lebanon	Catawba			W. Lawing	Chronicle			Wm. Wince
Lincolnton	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Bridges	Lincolnton	3, 4	J. L. Wilkie	Florence Finch
Link's Chapel	Lincoln			R. E. Hovis	Iron Station			Lucy Goodson
Long Creek	Gaston	G. M. Webb	Shelby	L. A. Holland	Dallas	1		Luther Holland
Lowell	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	J. B. Hester	Lowell	2	G. L. Wright	M. Teague
Macedonia	Lincoln	W. B. McLure	Alexis	J. Mullen	Derr	3		J. E. Burke
Maiden	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden	1	E. S. Whisnant	E. Litten
McAdensville	Gaston	B. L. Hoke	Newton	J. N. Walker	McAdenville	3, 4	J. N. Walker	J. S. Fox
Mt. Grove	Catawba	I. W. Thomas	Lenoir	M. Whisnant	Hickory	4	J. L. Ballard	J. B. Rockett
Mt. Holly	Gaston	C. M. Murchison	Penelope	S. L. Bollinger	Mt. Holly	1, 3	S. L. Bollinger	S. J. Skidmore
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McLure	Alexis	L. J. Caldwell	Loretta	4	G. W. Caldwell	Mamie Barker
Mt. Zion	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	L. S. Hager	Alexis	3	M. J. Hager	L. S Hager
Newton	Catawba	B. L. Hoke	Newton	P. M. Mull	Newton	3	G. W. Cochrane	Etta Curtis
Olivet	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. W. Ervin	Shawnee	2	J. F. Stewart	Minnie Brown
Providence, I.	Catawba	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	M. A. Wilkie	Catawba	1		H. C. Hewit
Providence, II.	Catawba	J. T Shell	Petra Mills	B. G Asherbraner	Chestnut		W. Huffman	Jas. Brittain
Penelope	Burke	I. W Thomas	Lenoir	J S. Hildebrand	Penelope	1		J. R. Hosley
River View	Lincoln	J. C. Havnaer	Lincolnton	E. C. Huss	Lincolnton	1	E. C. Conner	G. M. Haynes
Salem	Lincoln	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	D. F. Clanton	Harden	2		R. Harrill
Sandy Plains	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Lattimore	N. A. Jenkins	Gastonia	3	N. A. Jenkins	E. M. Hoffman
Startown	Catawba	B. L. Hoke	Newton			2		Mrs. Whitener
Thessalonica	Catawba	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	W. P. Roney	Jacob's Fork	4		W. P. Roney
Warlick's Ch'p'l	Burke	I. W. Thomas	Lenoir	A. J. Cook	Penelope	1	A. J. Cook	A. R. Burnes
Reepsville	Lincoln	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	R. F. Kistler	Reepsville			R. F. Kistler

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1900.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	ADDITIONS.				D'MINUTIONS.				MEMBERSHIP.			SUN. SCHOOLS			CH. PROP'Y	
		Baptiz'd	Letter.	Restor'd	Total.	Letter.	Exclu'd	Died.	Total.	Males	Females	Total.	Officers & T'chrs	Pupils.	Total.	Value.	Seating Capac'y
Belmont	1874	2	1	..	3	6	...	2	8	36	45	81	6	30	36	$ 500	300
Bethel	1895	5	...	..	5	3	...	1	4	20	30	50	....	....	....	500	300
Bessemer City	1897	2	19	..	21	3	1	1	5	14	26	40	....	....	....	250	.....
Bruington	1853	1	...	2	3	12	32	..	44	32	50	82	8	80	88	400	300
Catawba	1875	1	...	2	3	4	...	.	4	14	24	38	...	....	....	2000	400
Dallas	1879	3	10	..	13	4	...	..	4	15	23	38	5	35	40	1200	400
Gastonia	1884	11	75	5	91	47	7	3	57	105	187	292	15	400	415	8000	600
Hebron	1883	5	4	..	9	20	...	1	21	25	39	64	7	35	42	4 0	400
Hickory Grove	1873	6	...	2	8	8	2	2	12	....	....	156	....	....	....	400	400
Hickory	1870	12	13	3	28	4	1	3	8	73	98	171	19	185	204	2500	300
Kid's Chapel	1872	...	2	1	3	1	...	2	3	36	75	111	8	70	78	500	300
Leonard's Fork	1882	8	2	..	10	...	2	2	4	21	46	67	....	....	...	500	300
Lebanon	1853	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	40	....	....	....	.....	.....
Lincolnton	1859	3	18	2	23	3	2	..	5	13	37	50	6	35	41	2500	300
Link's Chapel	1884	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	47	....	....	....	100	300
Long Creek	1772	7	...	..	7	7	50	..	57	20	24	44	....	....	....	1000	600
Lowell	1892	...	3	..	3	13	...	2	15	42	57	99	6	55	61	1000	300
Macedonia	1869	3	4	..	7	2	...	..	2	61	95	156	3	35	38	600	300
Maiden	1891	27	22	1	50	5	3	3	11	78	125	233	12	141	351	800	500
McAdensville	1887	25	22	4	51	16	6	3	25	86	130	216	19	189	208	100	400
Mt. Grove	1881	1	...	1	2	1	...	..	1	34	52	86	6	60	66	500	300
Mt. Holly	1890	15	33	13	61	24	1	1	26	47	104	151	10	80	90	1200	500
Mt. Ruhama	1816	13	3	1	17	2	2	1	5	82	144	226	9	75	84	500	300
Mt. Zion	1869	4	7	..	11	2	3	3	8	94	142	236	6	50	56	500	300
Newton	1882	...	7	..	7	8	1		9	10	11	21	5	40	45	1500	300
Olivet	1833	7	2	..	9	5	...	..	5	66	121	187	8	81	89	600	400
Providence, I.	1852	1	2	..	3	1	...	..	1	7	23	30	....	....	....	100	200
Providence, II.	1878	...	1	..	1	6	...	..	6	17	31	48	4	30	34	300	250
Penelope	1888	...	...	..	...	6	...	..	6	15	19	34	....	....	....	800	400
River View	1897	26	10	..	36	13	2	..	15	26	49	75	7	75	82	500	400
Salem	1847	12	7	..	19	9	1	1	11	55	98	153	....	....	....	600	300
Sandy Plains	1863	10	3	3	16	3	2	1	6	40	80	125	8	36	44	600	300
Startown	1896	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	2	9	11	...	...	....	.....	.....
Thessalonica	1830	...	...	..	...	3	1	..	4	23	25	48	....	....	....	100	300
Warlick's Ch'p'l	1815	...	...	1	1	5	...	1	6	35	77	112	6	56	62	1000	500
Reepsville	1899	1	...	..	1	...	...	1	1	5	6	11	....	....	....	.....	.....
Total	..	211	270	41	522	246	119	34	399	1249	2102	3638	183	1873	2256	$32050	11450

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—Treasurer's Report

DEBIT.

To Am't received from Finance Committee Oct. 26, 1899,....$357.63

CREDIT

By Am't paid	D. P. Bridges	$ 14.80	
" " "	J. P. Brantly	10.00	
" " "	J. F. Morris	25.00	
" " "	J. A. Hoyle	25.65	
" " "	C. E. Beaver	35.00	
" " "	John E. White	26.00	
" " "	D. W. Herring	12.58	
" " "	J. D. Boushal	151.44	
" " "	J. B. Boone	56.10	
" " "	Minutes	25.60	$382.17
Balance due Treasurer			$ 24.54

DEBIT.

To Cash received during this Associational year:—		
Associational Missions	$152.66	
Home Missioxs	9.35	
Foreign Missions	2.50	
Orphanage	22.69	
Education	8.60	
Minute Fund	3.32	$199.12
ToAmount to balance		$174.58

CREDIT

By paid	J. A. Hoyle	$62 71	
	D. P. Bridges	25.00	
	C. E. Beaver	28.40	
	Pruett	16.00	
	J. S. Bridges. (student)	8.60	
	Seats for Maple Grove church	11.00	
	J. B Boone	12.91	$164 62
October 25, 1900, To Balance in Treasury			$ 9 96

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Gastonia, Associational Missions, $50.00. Orphanage, $12 91 Minute Fund, $2.07. Total, $64.98; Sandy Plains, Orphanage, $1 67, Total, $1.67; Maiden. Associational Missions, $4 82, Home Missions, $2.18. Orphanage, $3.11. Total, $10.11; Olivet, Associational Missions, $9.19, Total, $9.19; Salem, Associational Missions. $2 50, Total, $2.50; Hickory Grove, Home Missions, $2 32, Total $2.32; Belmont, Associational Missions, $5 00, Home Missions, $2.35. Total, $7.35; McAdensville, Associational Missions. $10.00. Total, $10.00; Mt. Ruhama, Associational Missions, $6.96, Total, $6.96; Mt. Zion, Associational Missions, $5 17, Total, $5.17; Lincolnton, Associational Missions, $14.00, Education, $2,50. Total $16.50; Hickory, Associational Missions, $8.05, Education. $5.00. Total, 13 05; Kid's Chapel, Education, $1.10 Total, $1.10; Zion Hill, Associational Missions, $1.25, Total, $1.25; Catawba, Associational Missions, $3.00. Total, $3.00; River View, Associational Missions, $16.57, Total, 16.57; Thessalonica, Associational Missions, $2.40. Total, $2 40; Providence, Associational Missions, $2.25. Total. $2.25; Lowell, Associational Missions, $11.50, Home Missios. $2 50, Foreign Missions, $2.50, Orphanage, $5.00, Minute Fund, $1.25, Total $22.75; Grand Total, $199.12